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人間と妖たちの結界で捕えた白面にとどめを刺すべく、うしおととらの最強コンビがタイマンで挑む！消滅か生還か…光と闇の激闘、ついに決着。風雲妖怪大活劇、堂々完結!!

またね。

ふがたかづち

本書は藤田和日郎初の単行本シリーズでした。なにせ初シリーズだからてんてこまい。一週間はぴうとばかりに流れ去る。そんな情けない僕に、『うしおととら』は罰を与えます。

すなわち、もっと暴れさせろ！　もっとすごい事件を起こせ!!　仕事の遅い僕は毎日半ベソ。でも。

――『うしおととら』には、やりたかった事全部。

そう、全部ぶちこみました。

楽しんでくれたらホントにありがとう。

『うしおととら』は君達の友達になりました。

そんな君達にヤツらの罰。

もう、君達を忘れない。

忘れてやらねえ。

カバーデザイン／松山佳幸

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YOU'RE WELCOME TO UPLOAD THIS SCANLATION IN ANOTHER WEBSITE. BUT PLEASE WAIT 24 HOURS BEFORE YOU DO THAT. THANKS

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The Story So Far

When I awoke from dreaming of Tora and Hakumen's fated connection, I did so with a new hope.

At the same moment, the shards of the shattered Spear returned the lost memories of "Ushio and Tora" to humans and bakemono. And so, along with the gathered bakemono, I departed for the final battle, believing we would succeed.

We were shocked to discover the horribly broken body of Tora, who had faced the dreadful power of Hakumen alone in a preemptive strike.

At that moment, the shards of the Spear gathered inside Tora's body and the Spear was reborn from his mouth.

And finally, humans and bakemono came together to trap Hakumen inside a barrier. And now-!?

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I CAN SEE IT TOO, MAYUKO-SAN.

YES,

I CAN SEE IT, OBASAN...

ゴオオオ

Chapter 54 "Till Our Lives Reach the Sun"
Part 1 Girl, Not Alighting in Silence

第五十四章「太陽に命とどくまで」
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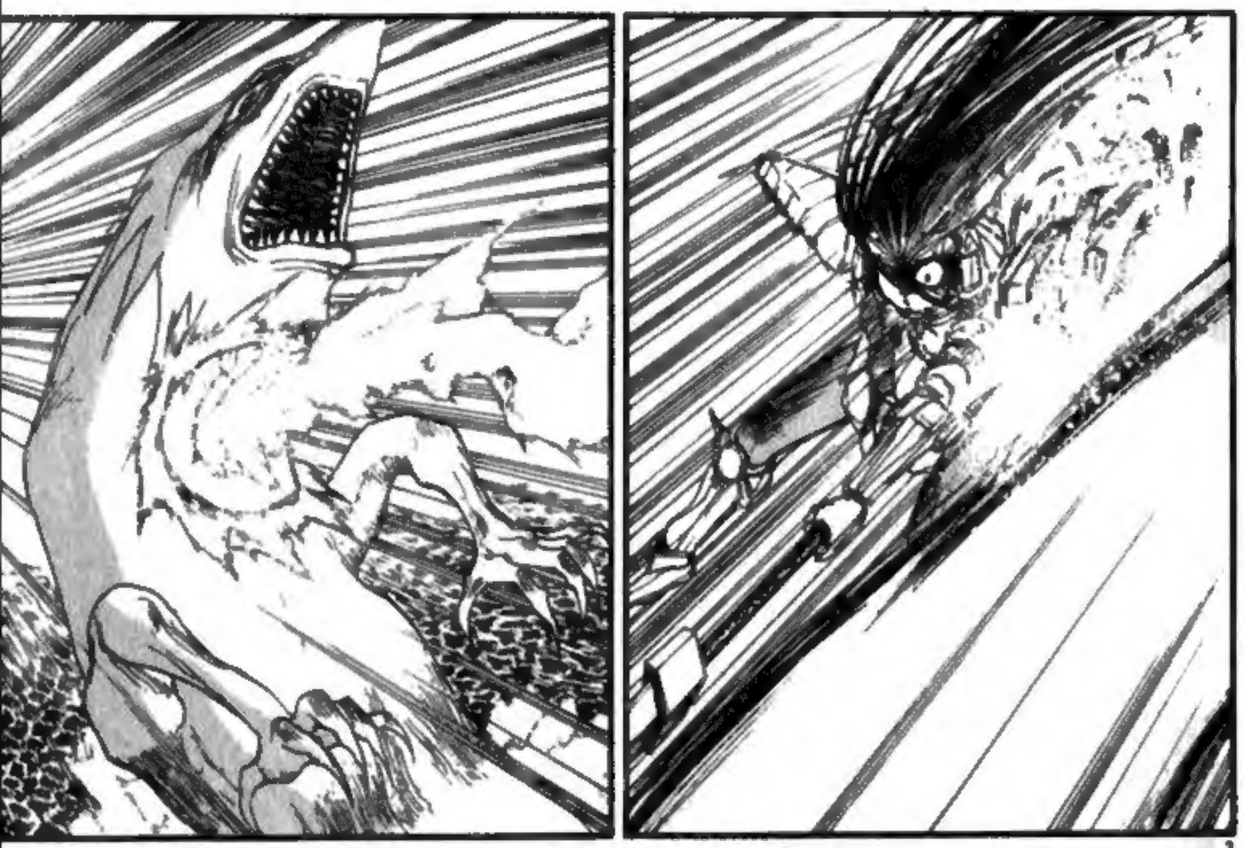
娘 静かに舞い降りぬ



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TO THIS SACRED PLACE, WHERE BARRIERS ARE EASIEST TO CREATE. IF WE CAN DRAW HAKUMEN HERE-
IN OTHER WORDS...
TO THIS SEA WHERE WE HAVE KEPT HAKUMEN IN A BARRIER, IN DEEP SLEEP, FOR SO LONG.

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PRESS TO THE SEA!
NO MATTER HOW HAKUMEN STRUGGLES, IT HAS NO EFFECT..
THEY ALL PRESS HAKUMEN TO A SINGLE PLACE...
BY CHANCE OR DESTINY,
EVERYONE'S TRAPPED HAKUMEN IN ONE SORT OF BARRIER OR ANOTHER...

WE CAN CREATE A BARRIER WALL WITH OUR COMBINED STRENGTH, AND FIGHT HAKUMEN WITHOUT IT BEING ABLE TO ESCAPE.

DO YOU FOOL-ISHLY THINK THAT THIS WILL TURN OUT THE WAY YOU HOPE!?

THE HUMANS HAVE ADDED THEIR BARRIERS TOO BUT IT'S NOT PINNING HAKUMEN DOWN!

THIS IS BAD! HAKU-MEN'S TOO STRONG!

AND LOOK THERE!

THE OCEAN IS FREEZING!

HAKUMEN'S YOUKI AND OUR BARRIERS ARE CLASHING, CAUSING A MASSIVE TEMPERATURE DROP...

DON'T FALTER! PUSH HAKUMEN BACK!

NOT YET!

NOT YET...

A LITTLE MORE.

YOU HAVE TO PUSH HAKUMEN CLOSER TO THIS SACRED SOPT IN THE OCEAN.

6:14 AM OKINAWA SEA

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WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, OBASAN?

THEY CANNOT DEFEAT HAKUMEN.

EVEN WITH USHIO AND THE RESURRECTION OF THE BEAST SPEAR..

BUT...

I THINK YOU KNOW, MAYUKO-SAN.

11

WILL...YOU BE OKAY?

REVIVE HIM...

GO...

GO AND RETURN...

YOUR SPIRIT CAN FLY WHILE YOUR BODY HOLDS THE BARRIER HERE... THERE WILL BE NO TROUBLE...

IN A SPIRITUAL STATE, THERE IS NO TIME AND NO DISTANCE.

MAY I BORROW...YOUR COMB?

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SHIGURE SHOULD HAVE IT...

ALL RIGHT...

6:19 AM THE SEA NEAR AWAJI ISLAND

...DAMMIT...

HU HU

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN TO ME...

IN MY CHEST ...

THIS BIG HOLE

IT... HURTS...

MY STRENGTH IS GONE...

WAS IT... HAKU MEN?

MY STRENGTH IS GONE

HAVE BURNED ALL THEIR MAJOR CITIES TO ASHES AT A STROKE ON MY WAY HERE

IT DEFEATED ME, COMPLETELY...

DAMMIT

THIS IS OVER!!

I HAD NEVER... BEEN DEFEATED...

ALL MY LONG TIME OF FIGHTING...

HEH

JUST- ME...

HERE?

IS THIS "HOW IT ENDS...

PERHAPS THIS IS THE TIME I SHOULD YIELD TO HAKUMEN...

AT ANY RATE, I'VE ACTED ALONE UP TO THIS POINT...

JUST ME...

THAT ONE...

I KILLED

AS WELL

DEFEATED THAT...

MAYUKO!

TORA-CHAN.

W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!

TORA-CHAN, I'VE BEEN WONDERING WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU~

WAH! LONG TIME NO SEE!

12

QUIET. I CAN'T EVEN MORE...

WHAT HAPPENED? YOU'RE NOT YOUR USUAL SELF..

I'M. CLOSED FOR BUSINESS.

BUT, TORA-CHAN...

SHOULDN'T YOU BUSY FIGHTING HAKUMEN NOW?

HUH?

HEY, LET'S TRY THIS.

HMM..

I HAVE THIS HUGE HOLE IN MY CHEST.

ASAKO AND THE REST OF US WENT TO A LOT OF FUSS.

WE LEARNED THAT IF WE PULLED HIS HAIR OUT WITH THIS, HE WOULD GO BACK TO BEING A HUMAN...

YEAH. WHEN USHIO BECAME A BEAST...

ISN'T THAT THE COMB USHIO'S MOTHER HAD?

I'LL TURN TORA-CHAN... BACK INTO A HUMAN.

W-WHAT'S THE PLAN HERE!?

13

YEAH.. BUT, EVEN SO...

NU-UH! YOU ALREADY SAID YOU'RE CLOSED FOR BUSINESS.

IF I BECOME HUMAN AGAIN, I CAN'T FIGHT HAKUMEN-

WHAT! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!

SOUNDS BORING AS HELL TO ME, NO WAY!

I JUST WANT TO WALK THROUGH A QUIET TOWN TOGETHER.

TO GET YOU TO FIGHT, TORA-CHAN.

I DIDN'T COME HERE...

I'LL BUY YOU LOTS OF HAM-BURGERS.

AS USUAL, DOESN'T LISTEN TO A WORD ANYONE SAYS.

WE COULD GO ON A DOUBLE-DATE WITH ASAKO AND USHIO.

I THINK IT'D BE GREAT IF YOU WERE HUMAN.

AND PEEL APPLES FOR YOU TOO...

I'LL KNIT YOU A SCARF...

WE'LL GO TO ANIME MOVIES...

DO YOU LIKE SWEET THINGS? I CAN BAKE YOU A CAKE!!

AND THEN YOU CAN DRIVE ME AROUND ON A BICYCLE...

WE'LL GO SO MANY PLACE...

YOU'RE NOT CHANGING BACK...

YEAH... I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T

OF COURSE NOT...

BUT STILL..

EAT ME...

YOU CAN'T GO ANYWHERE UNTIL YOU...

YOU'D EAT ME FOR SURE.

TORA-CHAN, YOU SAID YOU WOULD EAT ME.

YOU'LL BE MY DELISCIOUS "DESERT".

RIGHT AFTER USHIO!

YEAH.

OF COURSE I'M GOING TO EAT YOU.

UH FUH FUH...

AFTER USHIO?

YOU DON'T INTEND TO EAT ME EVER, HUH?

THEN... TORA-CHAN...

TORA-CHAN...

FUHN.

I LOVE YOU SO MUCH...

I LOVE YOU...

AND YOU CAN PROTECT ME FOR 100, MAYBE 200 YEARS...

WHEN WE PUT HAKUMEN TO SLEEP AGAIN SOMEWHERE.. AND I LIVE, HOLDING THE BARRIER, FOR A VERY LONG TIME...

I'M GOING TO BECOME THE FOURTH OYAKUME..

ヒュン

I SHOULD JUST KILL HAKUMEN RIGHT NOW!

WHAT?

I WON'T PROTECT YOU.

NOT FOR 100 OR 200 YEARS...

I SHOULD JUST KILL HAKUMEN NOW!

RIGHT MAYU KO?

真・最強の悪態

HERE I GO!

THIS IS THE ARMOR MADE FROM THOSE USERS OF THE BEAST SPEAR, THE AZAFUSE, WHO TURNED TO STONE!!

YES, WE HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU...

TAKE US TO HAKUMEN...AS YOU SAID YOU WOULD!

其の弐 最後の悪意

Part 2 The Strongest Curse

AND YOU WILL BE STRONGER!!

DO SO...

SHALL WE GO EVIS-CERATE HAKUMEN?

HM.. YOU JUST JUMPED ON ME ALL WILLY-NILLY ...

I DON'T LIKE THAT... BUT I GET IT.

6:21 AM Sea Near Awaji Island

UOOOH!

GAH-
HAH-

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EVEN WITHOUT GUREN, ONE OF MY TAILS-

ALL I NEED TO DO IS KILL THOSE HOLDING THE BARRIER.

AN EASY TASK.

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GO, KOKUEN!

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IS A COL-LECTION OF THEM!

AND KILL EVERYONE AND EVERY-THING CREATING THIS BARRIER!!

GO THROUGH THE CRACKS IN THE BARRIER THAT HOLDS ME...

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NUH!

THERE! CHASE IT CLOSER TO THE STONE PILLAR-

A LITTLE MORE! A LITTLER MORE AND WE CAN ISOLATE HAKUMEN IN THE SACRED PLACE!

DO NOT FALTER! HOLD FAST!

IT WON'T BE ABLE TO ESCAPE AND WE CAN FIGHT IT!

AND WE WILL TRAP HAKUMEN IN THE AIR, IN A BARRIER WALL CREATED BY US AND THE HUMANS...

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7:54 AM

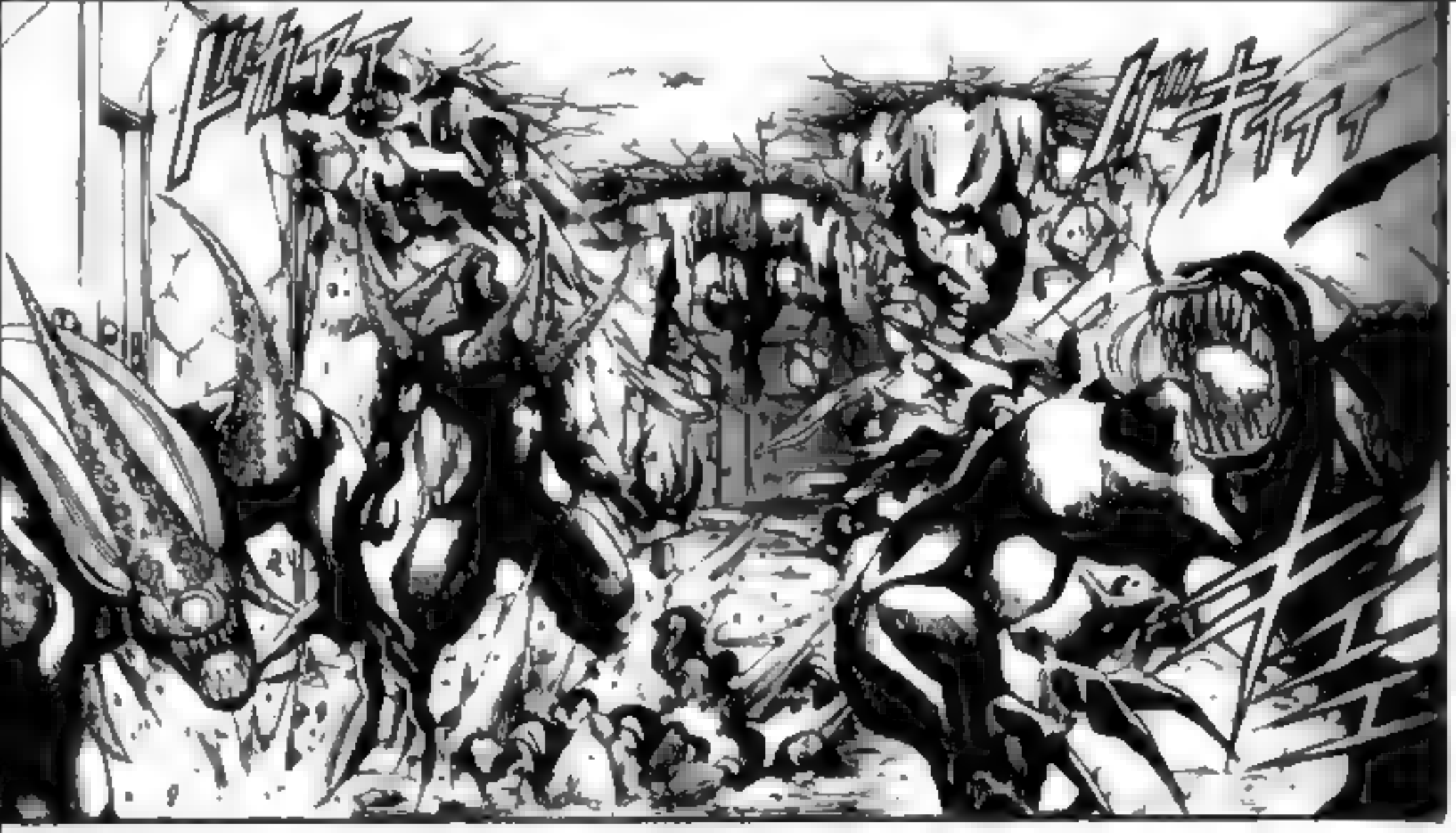
TOKYO SPECIAL ANTI-DISASTER UNIT HEADQUARTERS

I KNEW IT..

JUST LIKE 800 YEARS AGO.

BUT, WEST... EVEN WITH THE BEAST SPEAR..WITH JUST THAT...

YES, FAST... WE CAN'T DEFEAT HAKUMEN YET...


FLASH
BLAST

COM-
MANDER, YOU
CAN'T STAY
HERE ANY
LONGER. YOU
HAVE TO LET
US EVACUATE
YOU!!
DAMN
THEM,
THEY'VE
GOTTEN
IN THIS
FAR!

ALL REMAIN-
ING UNITS,
PROTECT THE
COMMAND
CENTER!
THERE'S NO
RESPONSE!
UNIT 4,
UNIT 4!
RESPONDI

WE'RE SENDING
SHIPS OUT FROM
EVERY PORT WITH
CITIZENS. SHIP
ARE GOING OUT
ONE AFTER
ANOTHER.
YESSIR. SLIGHT
QUAKES
CONTINUE BUT
WITH THE
TSUNAMIS
HAVING ENDED,

AND THE
ATTACKS
AGAINST
HAKUMEN?

LT. ATSUZAWA,
REPORT THE
STATUS OF ALL
EVACUATION
EFFORTS!

YOU MEAN WE CAN'T FIGHT HAKUMEN UNLESS WE CAN STOP IT..

BUT WITHOUT RESTRICTING HAKUMEN'S MOVEMENTS, THIS IS SHAPING UP TO BE A HARD-WON BATTLE.

CURRENTLY, COMMANDERS FROM EVERY QUARTER ARE USING THEIR OWN JUDGEMENT IN THE BATTLE,

HM, LT. ATSUZAWA... I'M FINISHED WITH THE ROLE OF ACTING COMMANDER.

COMMANDER, PLEASE-

COMMANDER, PLEASE EVACUATE!

THERE'S A COMMUNIQUE FROM HAMMR RESEARCH STATION!

DON'T WANT TO DIE UNTIL I TAKE OUT AT LEAST ONE OF THEM...

I, TOO..

AS OF NOW, IT'D BE IMPOSSIBLE TO EVACUATE IN ANY CASE.

WHAT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?

THEY'RE HERE!

COMMANDER-

KEH KEH KEH! YOU-

ARE ALL FINISHED !!

UGH!

THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM, COM-MANDER!

WHO ARE YOU?
I'M KAGARI. THIS IS MY BROTHER RAISHIN.
HUMANS, FIGHT HAKUMEN NO MONO WITH US!

YOU ...
YOU'RE ...
YOUKAI?
THAT'S WHAT HUMANS CALL US.
LET'S GO!

WHAT CAN I DO? SHOULD I BELIEVE A BAKEMONO AGAIN?

I'VE ALREADY BEEN FOOLED BY HAKUMEN'S BUNSHIN!

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

NIISAN! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?

KUH!

HURRY, HUMAN!!

IN ORDER TO PUT HAKUMEN TO SLEEP,

800 YEARS AGO, WE BAKEMONO JOINED FORCES WITH HUMANS

KAGARI.

LISTEN WELL.

THE HUMANS' STRENGTH WILL BE ESSENTIAL IN THIS BATTLE.

KAGA RIIII!

IF THAT IS TRUE, IT WILL BE THE END OF HUMANS AND BAKEMONO

YOU WILL NOT SCARE THE HUMANS. BECOME OUR ENVOYS.

YOU HAVE BOTH HELD HUMAN FORMS FOR A LONG TIME.

SHE'S RIGHT. A FEW OF THE HUMANS ARE LIKE USHIO-SAMA.

BUT, OSA, WILL THE HUMANS ACTUALLY LISTEN TO WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY?

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LET'S GO!

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GET AWAY! OUT OF MY WAY!!

THE KADU-CHI!

JUST A LITTLE MORE! I CAN SEE IT!

YES..

DO YOUR...BEST... MAYUKO-SAN. A LITTLE MORE...

PUSH... HAKUMEN TO...THE PILLAR... WITH ALL YOUR HOURIKI!!

DAMMIT !!

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NOW...

NOW...

I STAB IT SO MANY TIMES-

AND IT'S STILL STRONG!!

TORA WERE HERE...

IF ONLY

NOW...

SO I HAVE TO-

DO MY BEST!!

ABAYO!

HE'S NEVER COMING AGAIN!

STOP IT! TORA ISN'T COMING...!

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UWAAAH! THE BARRIER'S CRACKING!!

UH FUH FUH FUH. JUST A BIT MORE!

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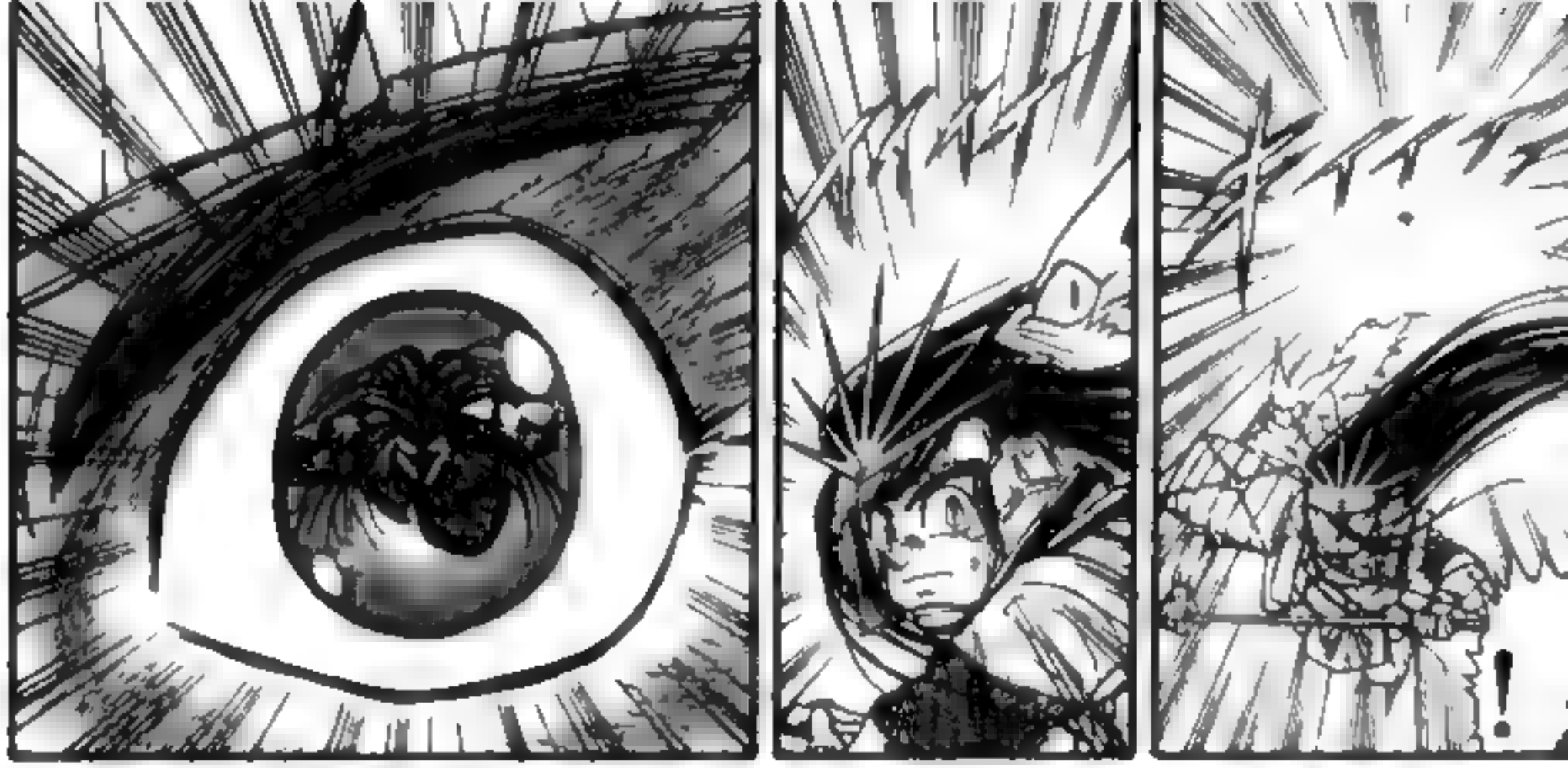
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TORA!

WHERE THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN, YOU DIM LITTLE GIT!

THAT'S MY LINE...YOU BIRD-BRAIN...

FOOL, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO, I'LL GO FIRST!

W-W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN, DUMBASS?

YOU FLIGHTY FLAKE?

WHAT! DON'T YOU FEEL LIKE KICKING THE CRAP OUT OF HAKUMEN,

I KNOW, USHIO!

LET'S GO, TORA!

白面の者 HAKUMEN NO MONO

400M

妖怪軍 METAMOR PHOBES

900M

Hakumen no Mono is positioned 900 meters from Oyakume's stone pillar.

If Hakumen can be pushed back 400 meters, it will hit the barrier area created by Sumako and Mayuko, as well as the hourikisou's.

岩柱 PILLAR OF

総合結界 BARRIER OF KIRLIAN VIBRATION

It will be restricted to that air space and we'll be able to fight it.

If it is caught inside that barrier, it'll be stopped by the barrier wall and will no longer be able to run.

JUST 400 MORE METERS...

AND IT WILL BE TRAPPED!

PUSH HAKUMEN BACK 400 MORE METERS-

JUST 400 MORE METERS!

AND NOW-

RESIGN YOUR-SELVES, SCUM.

!!

HOW UNFOR-TUNATE! THE BARRIER YOU'VE BEEN HOLDING ME IN HAS SHAT-TERED.

HEH... YOU'RE LATE.

其ノ参 400メートル

Part 3 400 Meters

DON'T SCREW THIS UP, USHIO!

THAT'S MY LINE, TORA!

FOOLS, WHAT DIFFERENCE IS THERE IN YOUR ATTACKING TOGETHER OR ONE BY ONE!?

WHAT THE-!!

AND IF HAKUMEN IS RAISING BAKEMONO LIKE THAT...

THEIR BODIES WILL BE MOSTLY HOLLOW...

IT'S THE TIME FOR BAKEMONO WE'VE ALREADY KILLED TO RESURRECT.

IT'S JUST AS NAGARE SAID BEFORE HE DIED.

ABAYO.

PUPPET WOMAN.

YOU DID IT, TORA!

YOU'RE AS DUMB AS BEFORE, USHIO!

SORRY, TORA!

THEY'RE MOST POWERFUL-

TOGETHER.

YOU ARE ...

DIFFER-ENT FROM BEFORE!!

I DON'T GET WHY BUT I GOT IT.

TORA! WE HAVE TO GET HAKU MEN NEAR THE STONE PILLAR!

DON'T GET SO COCKY JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE DEFEATED MY BUNSHIN!

DISTANCE FROM THE SACRED AREA 480 METERS

LET'S GO!!

HOLD FAST!

THE KADUCHI'S POWER IS READY.

PUSH HAKUMEN BACK!

THE YOUKAI OF JAPAN HAVE BEGUN BATTLING HAKUMEN AS WELL.

THE BOY HAS THE BEAST SPEAR BACK AND TORA HAS BEEN RESURRECTED!

CAN YOU SEE THIS, EVERY ONE?

ビオオオン

DISTANCE TO THE SACRED AREA 420 METERS

EVERY-ONE HAKU-MEN IS NOTHING TO FEAR.

THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR.

THE HOURIKI-SOU AND WE CAN BUILD A BARRIER.

AND THEN...

A LITTLE MORE! PUSH HAKUMEN A LITTLE CLOSER...

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WHAT'S THAT?

COME ON, HAKUMEN!

COME

WHAT? ANOTHER AYAKASHI !?

NO... IT'S' THEM!

WHEN WE DEFEATED THE AYAKASHI, THE SOULS WERE SET FREE.

THE AYAKASHI USED THE SOULS OF HUMANS THAT HAD DIED AT SEA TO MAKE ITSELF.

WE SAW THEM BEFORE...THEY'RE THE SOULS THE AYAKASHI HAD TRAPPED

KUH KUH...ALL RIGHT... DAMNED HAKUMEN ...

KUH! W-WHAT'S THIS!!

YOU'RE GETTING PUSHED BACK!!

DISTANCE TO THE SACRED AREA - 310 METERS
280 METERS
240 METERS

COME OUT FROM THE MEIKAI GATE I'VE OPENED,

OH BRAVE SOULS.

ゴオ オオ

NOW, FOR THIS WORLD ONCE MORE-

LEND YOUR STRENGTH TO THE LIVING.

LISHIO-KUN AND THE OTHERS.

SOMEHOW... PLEASE HELP .

APRIL 22ND 9:15 AM HAMMR RESEACH CENTER~ TOKYO

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Yes. Somehow the last person out managed to send us a message.

Have all the others taken refuge at the far end of the lab?

If the Trump Card Kirlian Oscillators continues to operate at full power...

It'll reach the limits of its structure but it will keep pushing Hakumen to the barrier area.

白面の者 HAKUMEN NO MONO

250M

Hakumen's still 250 meters short of entering the barrier area...

岩柱

But now...it's only 200 meters!

There wasn't any time. Nothing for it...

.....

However...it was a mistake not installing a controller for the Kirlian Oscillator anywhere but here, Koestler.

Then we'll have to leave it to the people on the scene, Marco.

Helena would be very upset.

What? I think it'll take too much time for you to operate on your own...

Besides, if I disobeyed our country by staying in Japan and then ran away at the last second...

There's no need for you to stay with me, Marco.

Are you hurt, Marco?

And the Trump Card has lived up to its name...

without it...~cough~

Yes...Helena would scold you but good.

It's all right. Your left arm and right leg are broken, aren't they?

You need medical-

Those Kokuen have amazing destructive capabilities, Koestler

SFX: ~WHISTLING~

Our Trump Card will do fine...

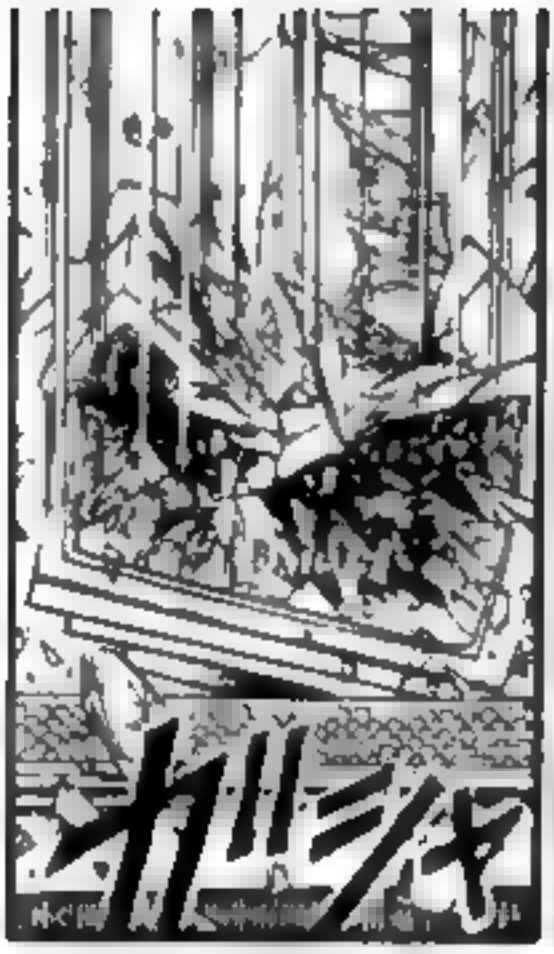
Fuh fuh... you were going to box with him ..

I just felt like whistling...when I thought about that boy

I wish I was in de land of Cotton

"Dixie", huh?

That's the old song...you used to whistle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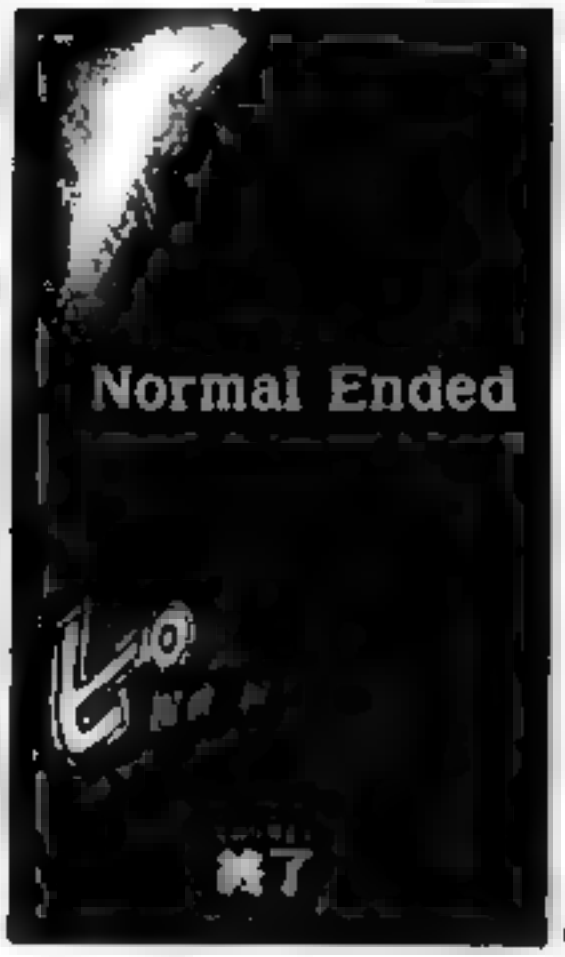
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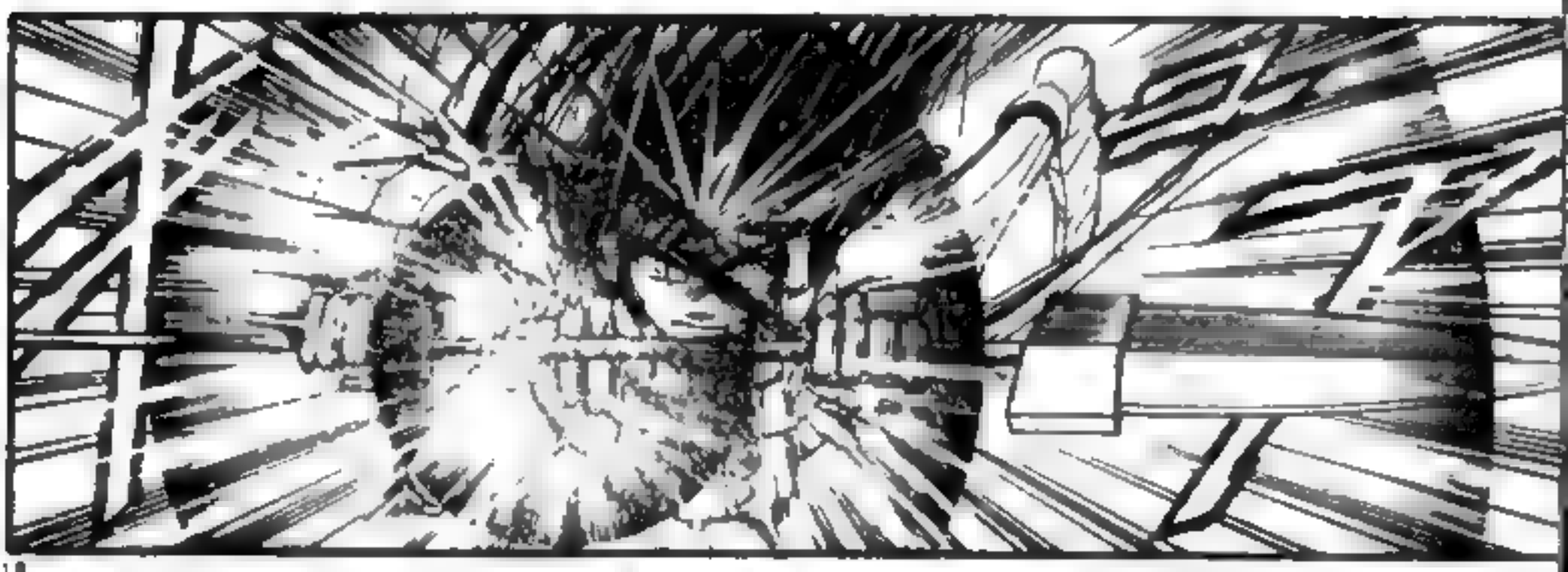
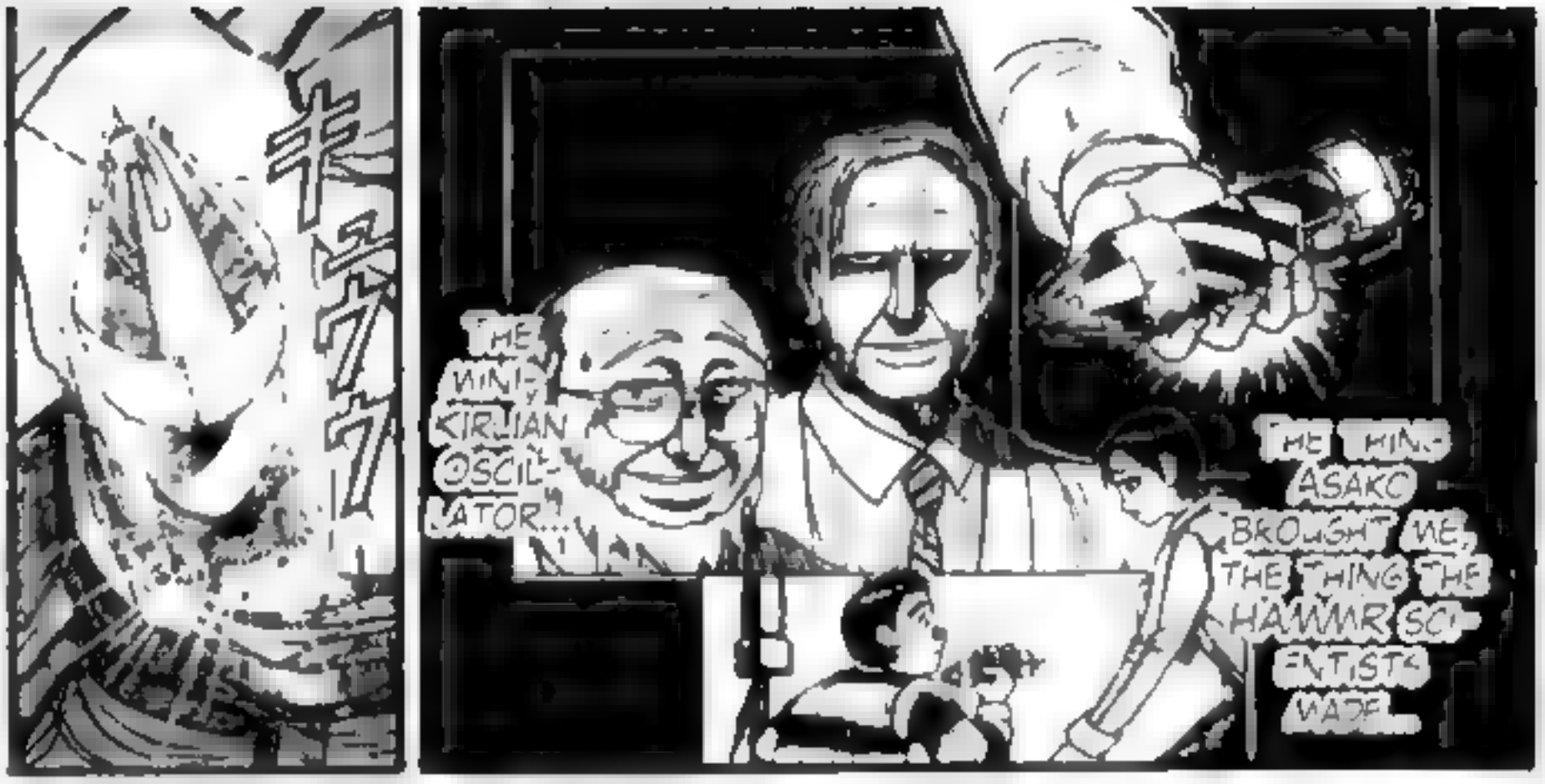
小型キルリアン振動機
"チェシャキャット"始動命令



THIS IS-
WIELDER OF THE BEAST SPEAR...
Y-YOU CAN CREATE BARRIERS AS WELL-
DISTANCE TO THE BARRIER AREA 210 METERS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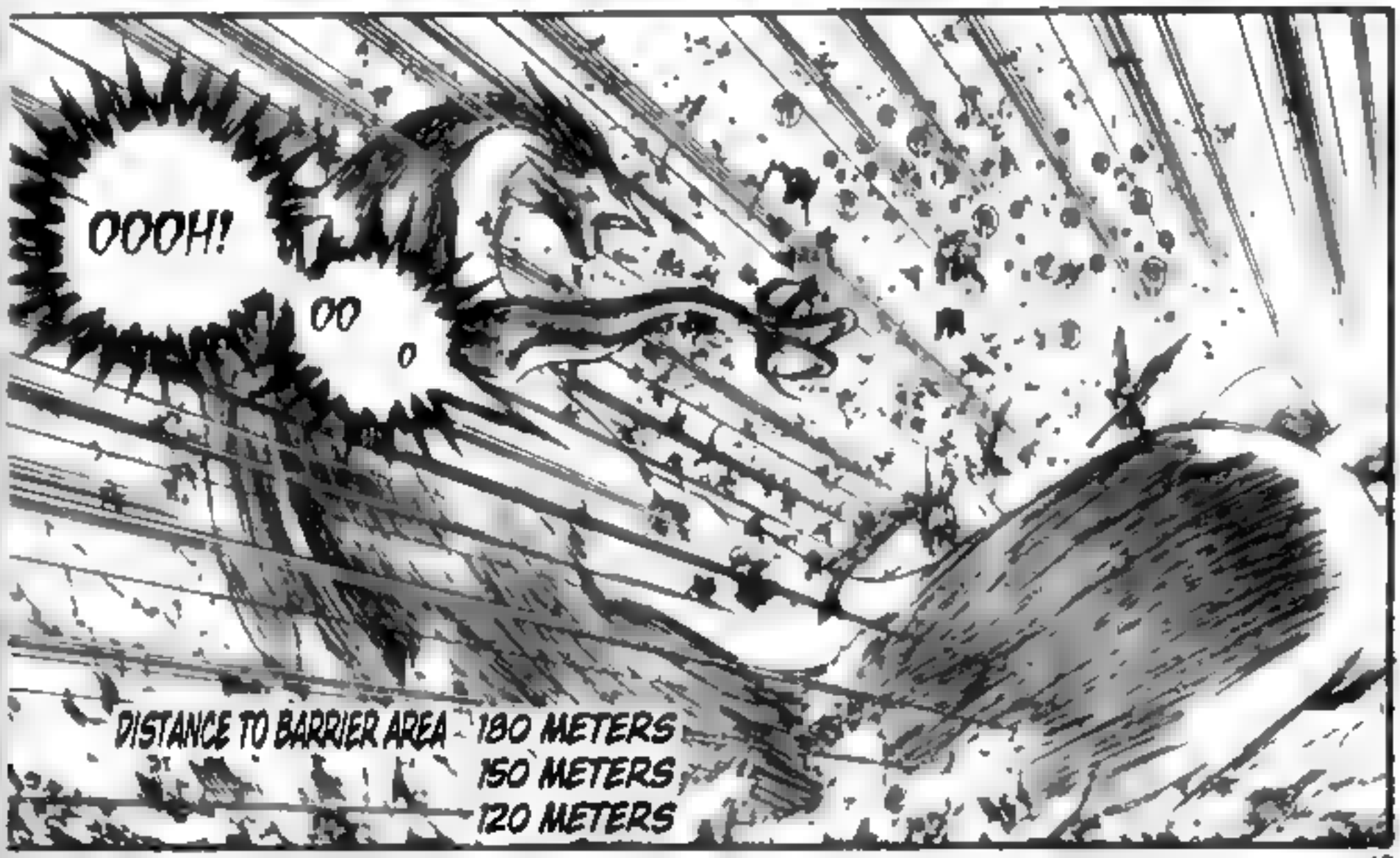
THE MINI- ASAKO BROUGHT ME, THE THING THE HAMMR SCI-ENTIST MADE


OOOH!
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DISTANCE TO BARRIER AREA
180 METERS
150 METERS
120 METERS

HERE I COME!
30 METERS
50 METERS
70 METERS
90 METERS
UOO OOO OH!
100 METERS

O-METERS

風血

*CAGED

第四話 氷の意味

HAKUMEN'S YOUKI HAS BEEN TRAPPED IN THE BARRIER WALL MADE BY THE HUMANS AND BAKEMONO.
THE COLD IT'S PRODUCING IS FREEZING THE OCEAN...

Part 4
The Meaning of the Journey

其ノ四 旅の意味

WHOA!?

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR IT TO FLY OUT OF THE HALF RI* AREA WITHIN THE WALLS.

LOOK! IT CANNOT ESCAPE FROM THE BARRIER.

*A "RI" IS A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE MEASUREMENT, APPROX. 4 KM.

THIS WILL BE THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF HAKUMEN NO MONO!!

EVERYONE! THE TIME HAS COME TO CLOSE THE CURTAIN ON THIS LONG BATTLE!

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CHIH! YOU'VE CAUGHT ME?

HYEHH

HYEHH

I DO NOT LIKE THIS!

I DO NOT LIKE THIS, HUMANS AND BAKEMONO!

AND KILL THOSE HOLDING THIS BARRIER WALL, FREEING ME.

MY MINIONS WILL ESCAPE THROUGH THE CRACKS -

BUT THIS IS SIMPLY A PROBLEM OF TIME!

LET'S GO!

SCUM!

THIS IS OVER!

FLASH

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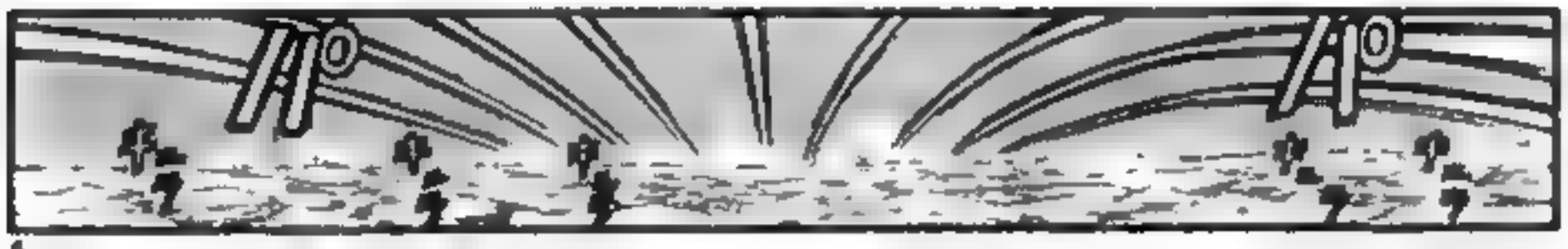
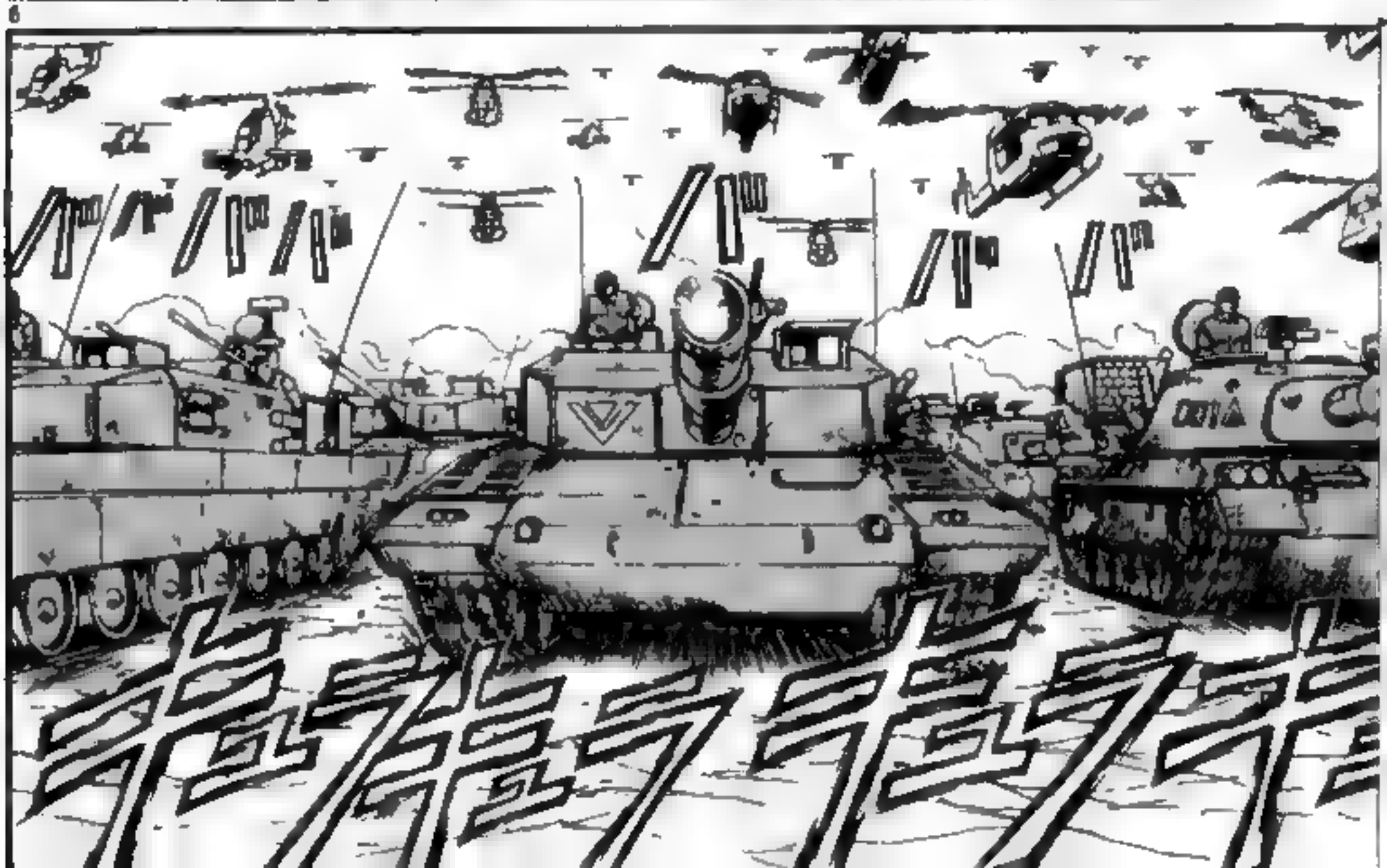




KIRLIAN OSCILLATOR MISSILES LOCKED-ON.

TARGET HAKUMEN: CONFIRMED.

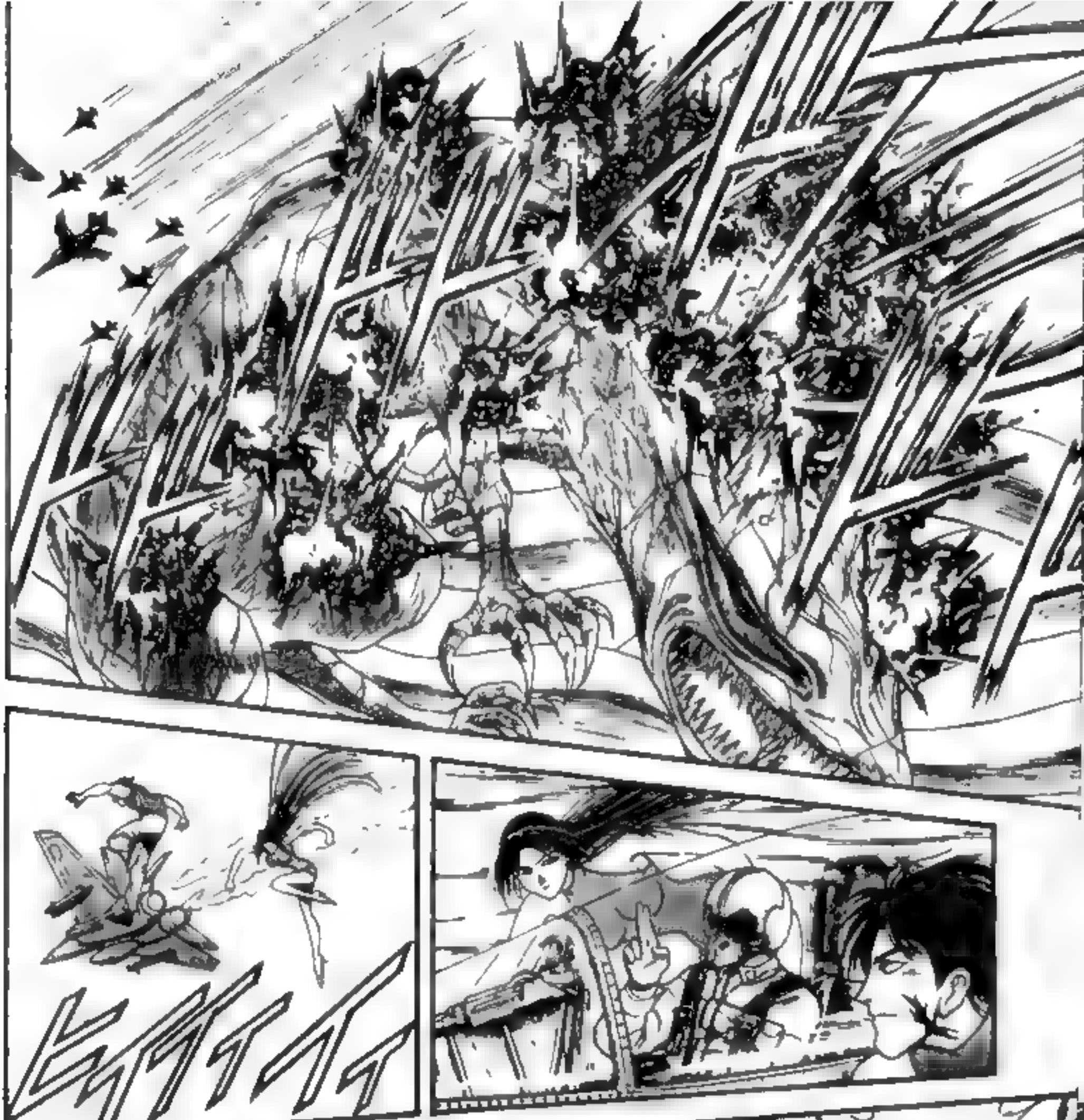
TANKS!?

DOES THAT MEAN-

AND ATTACK HAKUMEN!

ALL FIGHTERS, WORK WITH THE YOUKAI-

THE JSDF!!



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DAMN YOU ALL!

WELL DONE!
FORGIVE OUR TARDI-NESS, OSA!

UGH!

DO NOT FORGET THE SNOW BAKE-MONO!

USHIO! NAGATOBI-MARU!

YUKI-ONNA!

WE SPIRITS OF THE EARTH WILL NOT SIT QUIETLY THROUGH THIS EITHER.

HEY, HEY! NONE OF YOU TOUCH MY FOOD, GOT IT?

SAN-PITARA-KAMUI!

EVERY ONE HAS COME!

EVERY ONE...

BUT TO BRING MANY PEOPLE TOGETHER IN DEEP BONDS FOR THIS BATTLE.

WHY DID THE BEAST SPEAR CHOOSE YOU AS ITS WEILDER AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME...

USHIO!

YOU FINALLY KNOW WHY YOU HAVE COME HERE.

IT WAS NOT SOLELY TO STRIKE HAKUMEN WITH THE BEAST SPEAR...

WHY MUST YOU FIGHT ALONG-SIDE USHIO...

NAGA-TOBI-MARU!

HAS NOT BEEN IN VAIN

YOUR JOURNEY

A-AMA ZING!

WHY AM I STARTING TO CRY...

SHIT.

THOSE ARE CRACKS APPEARING IN THE BLIGHTED HAKUMEN, AREN'T THEY? GET IT!

WE CAN WIN!

IDIOT, DON'T FILM ME!

MORIYA-SAN, ARE YOU CRYING?

USHIO...

KEEP

青鳥軒

BY SHIP TO OTHER COUNTRIES, SO WE'RE THE ONLY STORE STILL OPEN HERE.

BUT THIS IS GETTING TOUGH! WITH JAPAN SINKING, EVERYONE'S LONG SINCE EVACUATED

YEAH!

ASAKO, YOU HAVING FUN DOLING OUT THE EMERGENCY ONIGIRI?

THIS RESTAURANT WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO SERVE THOSE PEOPLE!

FAMILIES WHO CAN'T LEAVE BEHIND THEIR SICK RELATIVES WHO CAN'T BE MOVED.

THE PLACE IS FULL OF PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THEIR WAY TO EVACUATION AND

LOOK. IT'S NOT LIKE EVERYONE IS GONE!

I'M GIVING IT MY BEST!

MORE ONIGIRI, TOUSAN!

GOOD LUCK.. USHIO...

I'VE GOT MYSELF A GOOD HUSBAND!

HA HA HA,

EVERY-ONE'S DOING THEIR BEST.

USHIO'S GIVING IT HIS ALL...

WHERE!? WHERE HAS ALL THIS COME FROM!?

HOW HAS THE FEAR OF ME GROWN SO WEAK IN THE HUMANS OF THIS COUNTRY!?

H O W !?

SO WHERE DID I MISSTEP IN THIS BATTLE!?

I SHOULD BE CONTROLLING THIS WORLD WITH INVINICLE POWER.

IS IT THEM?

T H E M

UPSET-TING MY ADVAN-TAGES IN THIS WAR...

THE WAVES THEY MADE HAVE SPREAD TO BRING HUMANS AND BAKEMONO TOGETHER.

AND THE WIELDER OF THE BEAST SPEAR, MADE TO DESTROY ME.

THE HUMAN WHOSE BODY I WAS BORN FROM SO LONG AGO...

WE'VE DONE IT!

HAKU MEN IS BREAK ING APART!

SO NOW-

I SEE! MY MISTAKE LIES IN NOT HAVING BROKEN THEM UTTERLY...

STRANGE. YES, EAST....

WEST. THIS IS...

MAYUKO!?

!

RUN.

EVERY-ONE, WITH-DRAW!

RUN.

RUN.

ALL UNITS, RETREAT!

RUN.

GAH!

IT CAN DO THIS TOO?!

POISONED AIR!

SO THAT NO ONE CAN ENTER THE BARRIER!

DAMNED HAKUMEN, YOU'VE CHANGED YOUR BODY TO POISONED AIR-

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THIS TIME WILL BE THE LAST!
HOW-EVER,
IT SEEMS YOU AND I ARE FATED TO MEET AGAIN AND AGAIN.
KUH KUH KUH...BOTH SAFE, ARE YOU?

MANO A MANO!
WELL, IT'S TIME FOR US TO GO UP AGAINST HAKUMEN-

USHIO ...
HUMANS HAVE A PHRASE. "MANO A MANO", RIGHT?
YEAH ?

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AND ITS SURFACE TRANSFORMED AND BROKE, RELEASING MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF A TOXIN.

YES, ACTING COMMANDER ATSUZAWA, HAKUMEN HAS BEEN TRAPPED INSIDE A BARRIER WALL,

THERE'S NO ONE ELSE REMAINING INSIDE THE BARRIER!

HOW GOES IT?

CURRENTLY, THE COMBINED MILITARY FORCE OF HUMANS AND BAKEMONO CAN'T EVEN ENTER THE BARRER!

WHAT!?

AND TORA-SAMA!!

USHIO-SAMA-

HUH!?

WHAT!?

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YOU ALL RIGHT, TORA?

HEH, FINE. YOU?

BUT THEN... SO IS OUR COMPANY IN HERE...

REALLY? ME TOO...

WHATEVER IT IS, I FEEL FULL OF STRENGTH.

IT'S STRANGE. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S THANKS TO THE BEAST SPEAR OR BECAUSE OF THIS ARMOR, BUT I'M FINE.

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LET'S GO RIP HAKU-MEN'S HEAD CLEAN OFF!

WELL THEN-

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I'VE BECOME SMALLER. I MUST HAVE GOTTEN WEAKER AS WELL!

KUH KUH KUH KUH... I KNOW WHAT YOU TWO ARE THINKING.

THE THIRD, TOWAKO, AND THE FOURTH, THE AYAKASHI.

THE SECOND WAS KURAGI,

ONE OF MY TAILS WAS SHUMUNA

THE FIFTH AND SIXTH WERE COL-LECTIONS OF HIYOU AND KOKUEN.

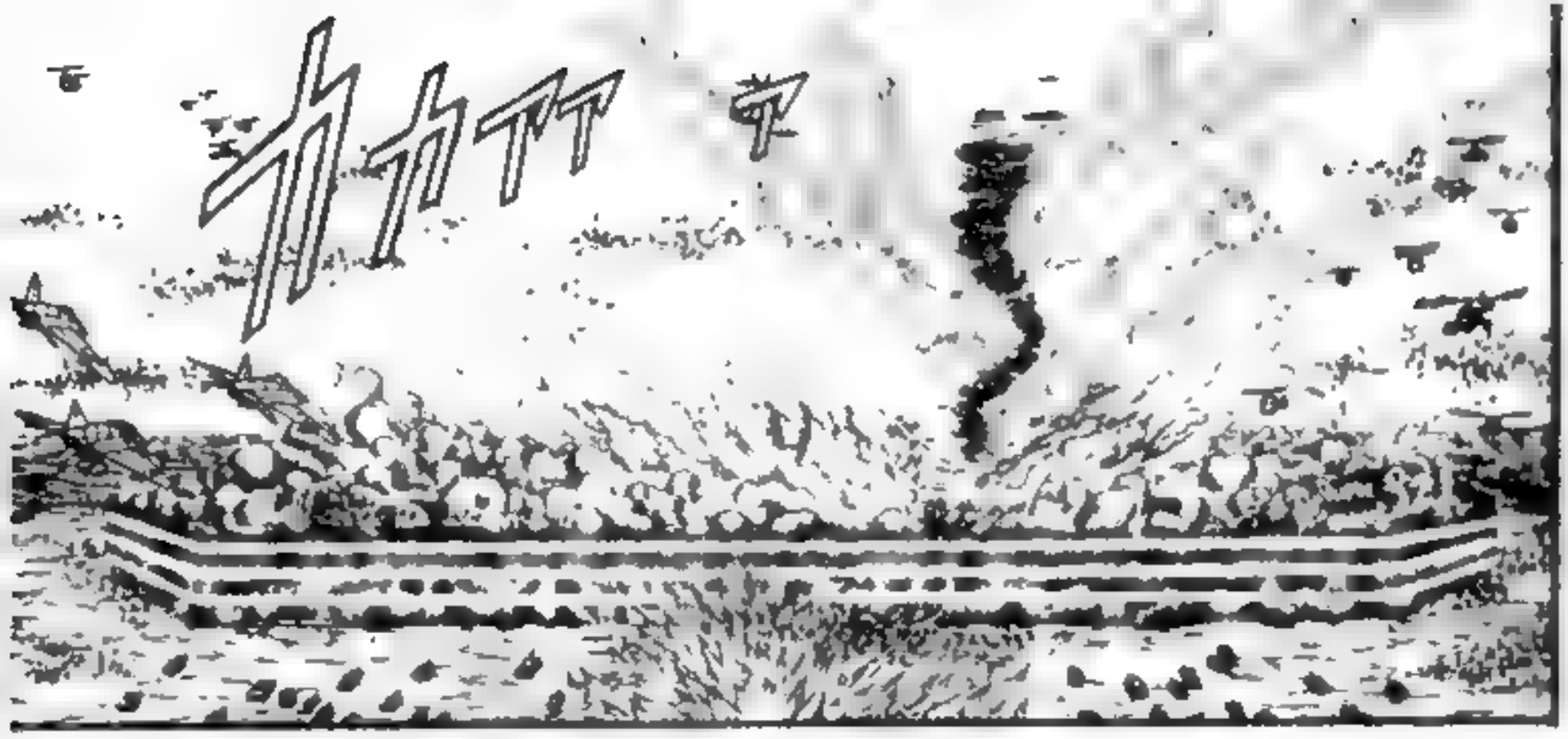
AND SEE THE LAST!

KAH KAH KAH! I TOOK THIS FORM SO I CAN DESTROY YOU UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL!

KEH, IT'S TRUE, AIN'T IT? YOU'RE ONLY A THIRD AS BIG AS YOU WERE BEFORE.

SO I CAN SHOW YOU ALL MY POWER!

MY SEVENTH AND EIGTH TAILS!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IT'S ALL CONTAINED WITHIN THE BARRIER WITH USHIO AND TORA!
B-BUT IF THAT'S HAKUMEN'S POWER-
ARE USHIO-SAMA AND TORA-SAMA ACTUALLY ALIVE INSIDE THAT CHAOS!?
HAKUMEN'S ATTACK!

THEY CAN'T DEFEAT HAKUMEN!
THERE'S NO WAY THEY CAN WIN!
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YES, YOUR OWN FAVORED ATTACKS.

A TAIL OF STORM AND LIGHTNING... AND ONE LIKE SPEARS...

SHUT IT!

SO WHAT!

KEEEH! I KNEW IT! LIGHTNING AND FIRE WON'T WORK ON THIS TAIL!

IYAAAAH!!

C-CRAD-

AL-
READY?

DONE...

USHIO!

YOU
TOO!

!

JUST SO. THIS STONE PILLAR IS THE CRUX OF THIS BARRIER WALL.

BUT THERE'S NO TIME TO BE SCARED, IS THERE?

I'M SCARED...

IT'S FINALLY BEGUN.

WE MUST PROTECT THE BARRIER WALL.

UNTIL USHIO AND TORA DEFEAT HAKUMEN

WE ARE RECEIVING THE POWER OF THE BARRIER-CREATING BAKEMONO

AND THE HOURIKISOU TO MAKE IT...

I WILL, SUMAKO-OBASAN.

MAYUKO-SAN, BE BRAVE.

HAKUMEN'S MINIONS ARE COMING TO FREE IT.

I'LL DO... MY BEST.

TORA-CHAN...

BUT WHY? OF ALL THE BAKEMONO, YOU HAVE ALWAYS HATED ME THE MOST...

UMI-ZA-TOU!

SUMAKO, I SHALL PROTECT YOU!

MANY THINGS IN THE SEA CHANGE, JUST AS THE TIDES DO.

ONEE-CHAN, IT'LL BE OKAY!

KIRIO-KUN!

HUH?

BESIDES.. I...

I'M PART OFF THE KOUHAMEI SECT. THIS IS OUR MISSION!

IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS! YOU COULD DIE!

DON'T BOTCH THIS, BOY!

NOTHING! LET'S GO, KUIN!

SEA-OJI-SAN!

Affirma tive!

ISHIGAKI ISLAND

WE WILL NOT BE DEFEATED BY HAKUMEN MINIONS!

WE MUST KEEP SENDING OUT OUR YANG TO CREATE THE BARRIER WALL!

SEND MESSENGERS OUT TO ALL THE ISLANDS!!

YES SIR!

HATERUMA ISLAND

NIISAN.

KEEP YOUR ATTENTION TOWARD THE BARRIER. I'LL HOLD THE KOKUEN BACK!

MORI-TSUMA-SAMA!

IRIOMOTE ISLAND

JUN.

ME TOO...

I'M HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO FIGHT WITH YOU.

EARTH OVER WATER

YOUR SKILLS HAVE IMPROVED, HINOWA.

THANK YOU, SIR.

SHIGURE-SAMA-

YOU CAN LEAVE THIS TO ME AS NIGIRA-SAMA ORDERED

GIRD YOUR WILL!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE ENEMY!

THANK YOU.

NOW,

I'M NOT UPSET ABOUT IT AT ALL...

.

BUT... FUH FUH...

IT'S STRANGE ...

INDEED... EVEN COMING HERE, I STALKED IN YOUR FOOT-STEPS...

IF IT'S BY YOU, IT'S ALL RIGHT IF I'M KILLED

I WAS FULL OF SUCH FEELINGS...

SADNESS AT NOT BEING BORN A BOY...MORTIFICATION AT NOT BEING THE CHOSEN OF THE BEAST SPEAR...

I'M... I...

I'M NOT A MAN...

I'M NOT THE CHOSEN ONE...

SEKI-MORI HINO-WA!

I AM HINOWA.

KUH!

WEAK FOOL!!

WEAK!!

FOOL!

YOU ACTUALLY THOUGHT YOU COULD BEAT ME!? YOU'RE TOO WEAK EVEN TO HAVE-

CONTEMPLATED IT!

THAT IS YOUR TRUE SELF.

YOU'RE A PATHETIC NARCISSIST, SELF-CONSIOUSLY NEVER WANTING TO BE RECOGNIZED AS WEAK.

IT'S SIMPLY SELF-SATISFACTION!!

YOUR BATTLE IS NOT IN THE SO-CALLED GREAT CAUSE OF JUSTICE!

THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO BUT FACE THE HOPELESS DARKNESS OF THE NIGHT!!

NO MATTER HOW YOU SAY YOU WANT TO SAVE PEOPLE...

WIELDER OF THE BEAST SPEAR, YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU?

NO MATTER HOW MUCH... SOMEONE TRIES...

THERE WILL BE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T BE SAVED...

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT! HEY!

THE NIGHT!

I WILL BRIGHT THE NIGHT TO YOU BOTH, TO THIS WHOLE COUNTRY!!

USHIO...

WE CAN'T... GIVE UP...

SO.

I MIGHT BE MOVED TO CRY...

BY THEIR FACE, STREAKED WITH TEARS...

IF I'M ASKED

TO HELP SOMEONE ...

BUT...

IF...

SELF-SATIS-FIED?

I DON'T KNOW... ABOUT THAT.

STAND AND FIGHT!

I WILL STAND-

IF I AM ASKED,

EVERY TIME I CRY-

I KNOW THIS.

YOUR NIGHT...WILL NEVER COME...

WE'LL WIN!

EVEN KNOWING YOU'LL LOSE, YOU'LL STILL FIGHT?

WHO ARE FIGHTING YOU...

BECAUSE IT'S NOT JUST US-

ALONGSIDE THE SUN!

NOW WE'RE FIGHT-

WHAT CAN THEIR SUPPORT DO FOR YOU WHEN I SCATTER YOU TO THE WINDS IN AN INSTANT!?

WITH EVERYONE, YOU SAY?

FOOLS!

HOH HOH... WIELDER OF THE BEAST SPEAR, IT SEEMS YOUR TIME IS UP...

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A MAEL-STROM!

Last Chapter "Ushio and Tora"
Part 1 The Final Play

I HAVEN'T FOUGHT... HAKUMEN... JUST WAIT A LITTLE LONGER...

N-NOT YET, BEAST SPEAR...

USHIO! USHIO! DAMMIT, YOU CAN'T TURN INTO THAT DAMNED BEAST NOW!

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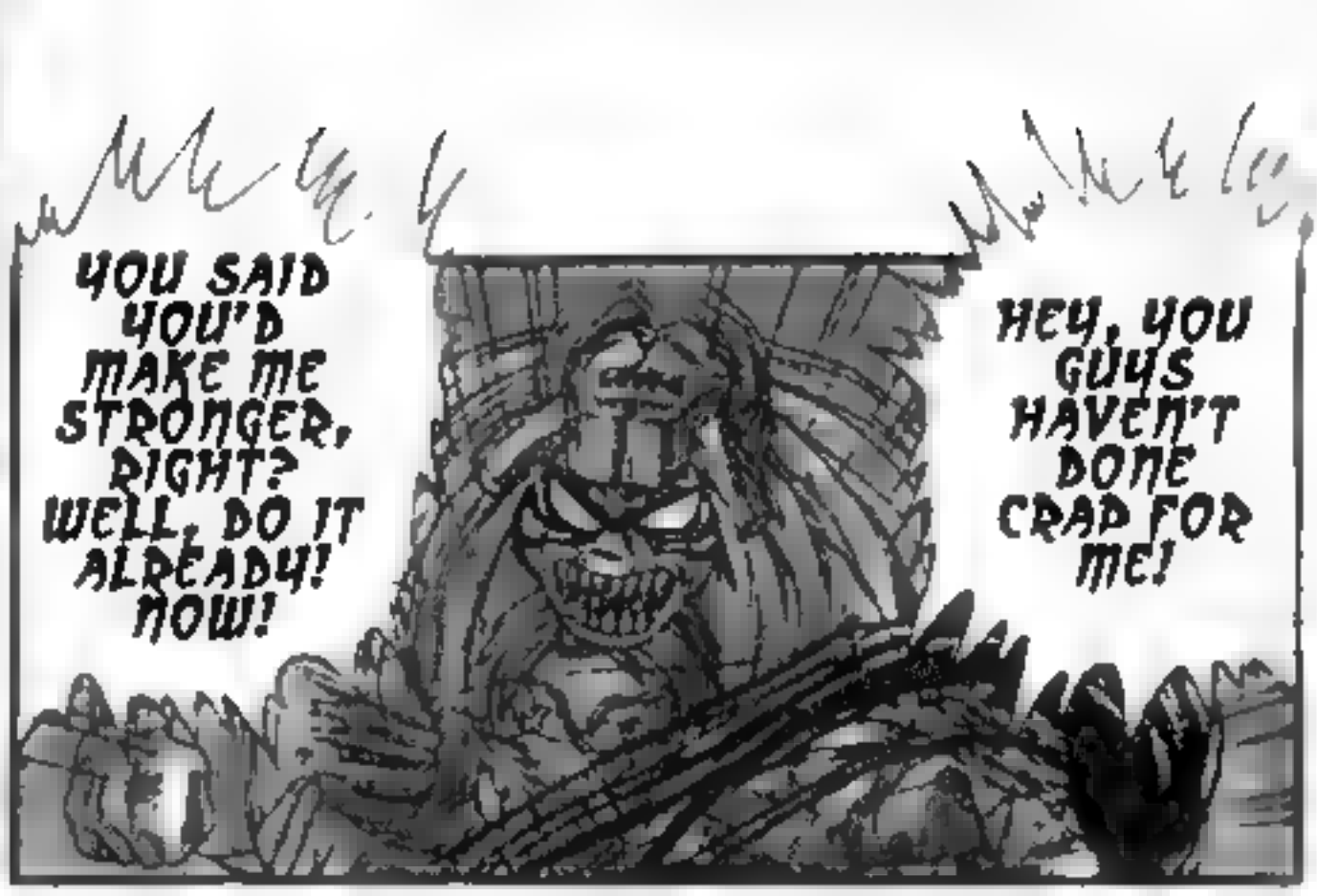
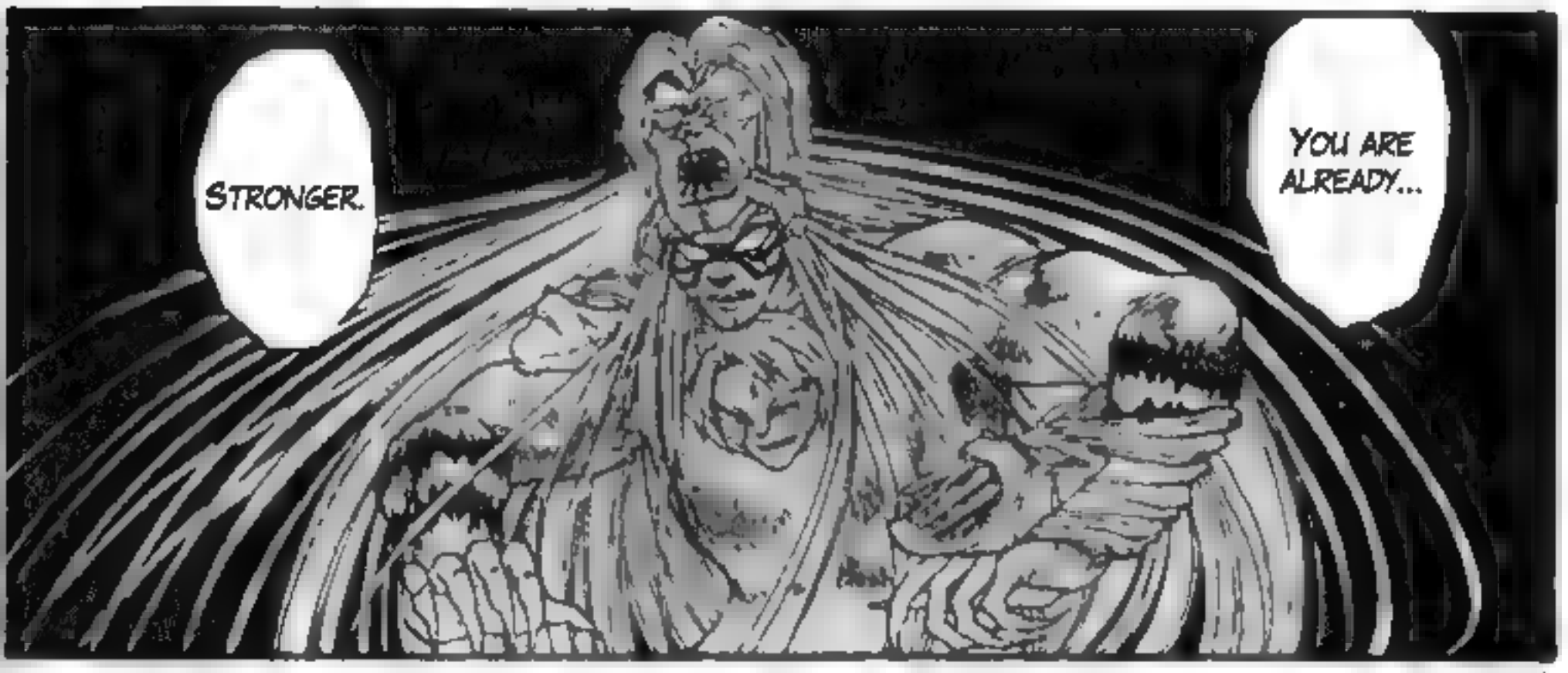
YOU'VE USED THE BEAST SPEAR TOO MUCH! YOU'RE BECOMING A BEAST!


YOU SAID YOU'D MAKE ME STRONGER, RIGHT? WELL, DO IT ALREADY! NOW!
HEY, YOU GUYS HAVEN'T DONE CRAP FOR ME!


STRONGER.
YOU ARE ALREADY...

I DON'T KNOW! I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
HOW DO YOU STILL...

AMONG THE HUMANS WHO HAD WIELDED THE BEAST SPEAR...

WHY WERE YOU THE ONLY ONE WHO TO LIVE OUT THIS YEAR, WHO DIDN'T TURN TO STONE?

CAN YOU NOT SEE IT FOR YOURSELF? YOU ARE SPECIAL.
W- WHAT? THAT'S IT!?

YET HAVE NOT CHANGED AS WE HAVE?

HATE HAKUMEN SO MUCH...

LOOK JUST LIKE HAKU-MEN!!

T-THE AZAFU SE...

WHAT DO WE BECOME!?

AND WHEN OUR HATRED OF HAKUMEN CONSUMES US, WHAT DO WE BECOME?

AND THESE BEASTS BECOME AZAFUSE, LIKE US.

LIKE THIS BOY IS.

HUMANS WHO WIELD THE BEAST SPEAR TO DEFEAT HAKUMEN

ARE EVENTUALLY CONSUMED BY THE SPEAR AND BECOME BEASTS...

WE BECOME HAKUMEN !!

I HAVE NO NEED FOR MORE OF ME!!

HOW-EVER..

INTERESTING... IN SHORT, THE BEAST SPEAR GIVES BIRTH TO MORE OF ME...

WE DID NOT. THAT IS YOUR ANSWER.

TORA... YOU MET THIS BOY.

YOU HAVE ALREADY EATEN...MANY THINGS FROM THIS BOY.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I JUST WANTED TO EAT HIM!

THAT...IS THE SOURCE OF YOUR STRENGTH.

IF ONLY WE HAD MET SOMEONE LIKE YOU...

IF ONLY...

A-AZA-FUSE!

I WILL SEND YOU TO THE PLACE THE HUMANS CALL HELL!

IMITA-TIONS!

HAKUMEN, IF WE ARE GOING TO HELL...

WE'LL SEE YOU DESTROYED BEFORE WE DO!

FINALLY, THIS... THIS ...

BAS-TARDS !

LAUGHING ALL THE WAY!!

AZA-FU-SEEE !!

GUUUH !!

THEY'VE BROKEN MY TAILS!!

AND GOTTEN STRONGER? MORONS...

I'VE EATEN MANY THINGS FROM USHIO!?

USHIO, ARE YOU OKAY?

NOT YET... NOT YET...THE SPEAR IS WAITING.

STUPID AZAFUSE.

ALL RIGHT.

MORONS!!

COMPLETE

IS KEEP HAKUMEN TRAPPED INSIDE THE BARRIER WALL!!

WE CAN'T HELP THEM! BECAUSE OF THE POISONED AIR, SO ALL WE CAN DO-

USHIO AND TORA ARE FIGHTING IT!

GUARD THE BARRIER WITH YOUR LIVES!!

PROTECT EVERY KADUCHI FROM THE KOKUEN!

DO YOUR BEST! I'LL STAY NEAR AND WATCH TO THE DEATH!

GIVE IT YOUR ALL!

AMAZ-ING... EVER-YONE, IT'S AMAZ-ING...

TOKYO~ MIKADO CITY

TO PROTECT THE BARRIER!

ALL UNITS, PROTECTED THE HOU-RIKSOU ON ALL THE ISLANDS-

THE ARMY IS CONTINUING TO TAKE DOWN THE HIYOU AND KOKUEN!

DARN IT, WE'RE NOT YOUR DINNER, YOU STUPID THINGS!

TOU-CHAN!

GO GIT 'EM, OGEDOU-SAN!

AH!

SUCHA PITIABLE FACE ON'NA GIRL WHO PUT ME IN MY PLACE.

AH!

SHIDA-RA-SAN!

ONEECHAN, WE'VE TAKEN CARE OF THE ONES AROUND HERE.

YA GOT FRIENDS EVERY-WHERE, DON'TCHA?

TOONO

B-BAL-CHAN!

THE ONE WHO KICKED MY ASS AIN'T SUPPOSED TA CRY!

AH, THERE SHE IS! SAYA-CHAN!

AH!

WHY ARE YOU TWO HERE?

YEAH, I THOUGHT I SAW A LIGHT UP ON THIS HILLTOP...

WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU. REIKO'S INTUITION IS AMAZING!

YUU-SAN!

REIKO-SAN!

AND THEN ALL THIS CHAOS STARTED-

WE THOUGHT IT MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THAT.

IT SOUNDED LIKE WE WERE NEVER GOING TO SEE YOU AGAIN...

SAYA-CHAN, WE GOT YOUR STRANGE LETTER.

WE WERE WORRIED AND ITCHING TO DO SOMETHING, SO WE CAME.

IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU TO BE HERE. YOU HAVE TO LEAVE.

BUT..

THANK YOU...

SAYA.

THEY'RE HERE.

YEAH! WE PULLED OUT USHIO-KUN'S HAIR TOGETHER, RIGHT?

LET US HELP YOU WITH WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING! THAT'S ALL THE MORE REASON!

AH!

I WILL RISK MY LIFE SO IT WILL HAPPEN.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE RECEIVE HELP FROM THE OTHER WORLD.

OMA-MORI-SAMA!

TAKE THE TWO GIRLS. I WILL PROTECT THIS PLACE.

W-WHY-

OMA-
MORI-
SAMA!

BUT DO NOT FEAR...

I AM NOT AS STRONG AS KAGARI OR HITOTSUKI...

AH.

WHAT!?

I

...

O-OTOU SAN...

THAT SOUND ...

THERE ARE MORE!

SAYA. CHAN...

THANK YOU..

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OTOU SAN!

I UNDER-STAND!!

I UNDER-STAND!!

YEAH! I KNOW!!

TORA, THIS BATTLE-

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Hakumen no Mono

YOU TRULY FEAR THE BEAST SPEAR...

HAKUMEN..

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MY HATRED OF YOU MADE ME FORGET...

BEFORE...

I WILL SOON DEFEAT THE BEAST SPEAR!

HOH!

LOOK AT HOW HAKUMEN MOVES. LOOK AT ITS LINE OF SIGHT, THE SPEAR SAYS.

AND I CAN HEAR THE VOICE OF THE SPEAR.

AND SO IS THE BEAST SPEAR!

BUT, NOW, I'M SO CALM I SURPISE MYSELF.

YOUR LINE OF SIGHT-

YOU ALWAYS MOVE TO BE FAR FROM THE SPEAR.

IS ALWAYS FIXED ON THE BEAST SPEAR IN MY HAND!

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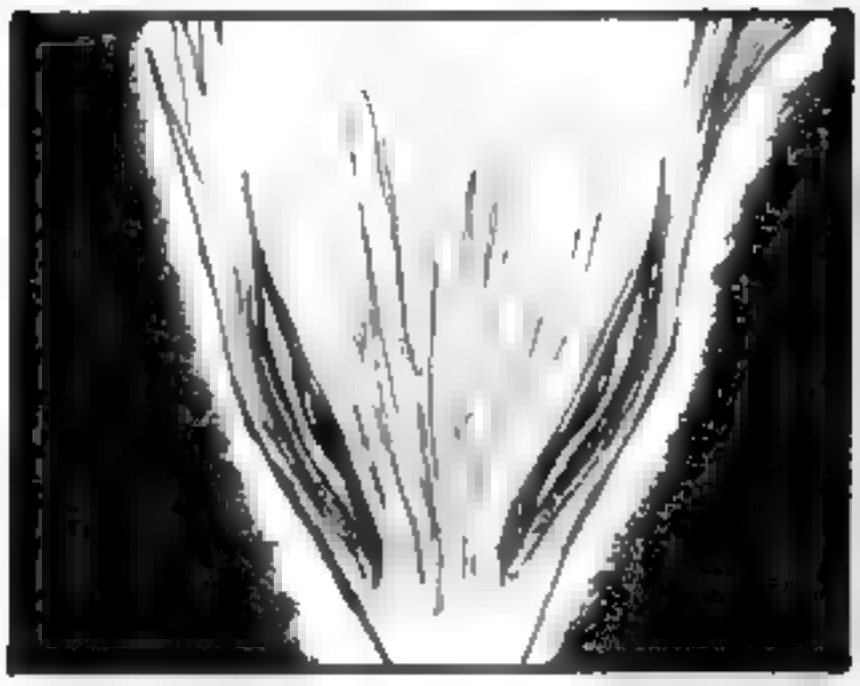
ISN'T THAT PROOF THAT YOU RECOGNIZE THE DAMAGE THE SPEAR CAN DO!

SO WHY DID YOU MAKE ONE OF YOUR TAILS INTO THE SHAPE OF SPEARS?

YOU GREAT FOOL, IS THIS ALL YOU-



SO, THERE IS FEAR INSIDE HAKUMEN ...
WELL, HAKUMEN, WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS LOOKING UP LIKE THAT?

HA! HA HA HA HA HA!
JUST AS YOU SAY, USHIO!
IT'S AFRAID OF THE SPEAR !!

WHY DON'T YOU LOOK DOWN AT US? LIKE ROYALTY LOOKING DOWN ON UNDERLINGS.

I SEE YOU ARE DEFINITELY A DAIYOUKAI. THE STRONGEST OF THEM.
BUT...
THEN...

NO...
OF WHAT AOTSUKI USHIO, HOLDER OF THE BEAST SPEAR, BRINGS WITH HIM...
USHIO, ITS EYES ARE FULL OF ENVY!
IT'S AFRAID OF THE BEAST SPEAR- KUH KUH KUH!

TORA... IT'S...

BUT YOU'RE ALWAYS SCOWLING UP FROM BELOW

THAT IS WHAT YOU ENVY, AND-

OF THE EXIS-TENCE OF ALL LIGHT!

WHAT YOU FEAR MOST, HAKUMEN!

EXACT LY!

JUST... AS YOU SAY...

I HATE-

THE LIGHT!!

HUMANS!

LIFE!

INVISIBLY IN DARKNESS?

WHY DID I HAVE TO BE BORN

THE BAKEMONO LIVING IN HARMONY WITH HUMANS!

AND BECAME ME...

IMPURE EVIL KI WENT DOWN...

PURE CLEAN KI CLIMBED UPWARD AND BECAME PEOPLE...

WHEN I WAS A SPIRIT NOT FIXED IN ONE SHAPE

WHY AM I LIKE THIS?

HOW PRETTY...

IMPURE!?

WHY AM I

IT'S JUST LIKE NAGARE...

GAA AH!

HE LONGED FOR THAT BRIGHTNESS... HE WANTED SO MUCH TO BE LIKE THEM...

HUMANS LIKE USHIO SHINE SO BRIGHTLY...

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IS... THAT IT?

IF HE HADN'T, HE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN HIMSELF...

SO HE BECAME AN ENEMY OF THAT BRIGHT-NESS...

BUT...NAGARE KNEW HE COULDN'T BE LIKE USHIO...

HUH? NAGARE-NIICHAN?

KUH KUH... NO, USHIO.

NAGARE-NIICHAN...

IT, WAS. IT, WAS, MY FAULT!!

YOU ARE NAGARE, HAKUMEN.

SO WHAT IF I DO?

YOU CAN'T LOOK AT HUMANS WHO SHINE!

YOU'RE AFRAID OF THEM!!

HEY, WHAT YOU FEAR IS HERE!

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TOO BAD, HAKUMEN. IT'S HERE FOR YOU-

WHAT YOU LONG FOR BUT HATE... AND FEAR...

WHAT !?

AH...

OH, EVERYONE ...

THE POWER OF THE LIGHT OF HUMANITY!

A HEART THAT IS CLOSED IS FRAGILE WHEN FINALLY OPENED...

SATORI ...

TOKUNO-SAN...

STAND TALL...

USHIO, DON'T BE CONFUSED BY YOUR ENEMY. BE CALM...

HYOU-SAN...

A LITTLE LATE...

JUST

I MET YOU TWO AND FINALLY CAME BACK TO MYSELF..

IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT.

NAGARE... NIICHAN...

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I'M ABSO-LUTELY READY.

NOW, BEAT IT!

COME ON!

HAKUMEN,

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I AM TORA !!

I FEEL LIKE I'VE CHANGED AND LIKE I HAVEN'T...

I'VE CHANGED SOMEHOW?

WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER EITHER WAY NOW.

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I MUST HAVE GOTTEN A LITTLE BETTER, RIGHT?

AOTSUKI USHIO!!

UNTIL LAST YEAR, I WAS JUST A KNOW-NOTHING KID.

BUT NOW, AT LEAST...

NOW THIS THING-

NOW,

I KNOW EVERYONE IS FIGHTING!

CAN'T BEAT US!!

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ARE AT THEIR LIMIT

AND KUIN

LIMIZA TOU

THEY KEEP COMING AND COMING...

I CUT, AND CUT BUT...

KUH, THERE'RE SO MANY

MAYUKO-NEECHAN, WHOSE DONE SO MUCH FOR ME...

I HAVE TO PROTECT MAYUKO-NEECHAN...

BUT...

GUH-

KU-

KUIN !!

Ki...
rio...

Farewell.
Kirio.

Stay
back.

KUH!

Shots
Taken: 28.
Loss of
Function:
96%.

HUH?

KUIN HAS ALWAYS BEEN WITH ME...

I JUST... REALIZED ...

NO KUIN!

N-

STAYING WITH ME...

DOING WHAT I SAID...

SINCE I WAS LITTLE ALWAYS, NO MATTER WHAT...!

I'M SO SORRY!

I FORGOT ABOUT YOU, ALWAYS FIGHTING FOR MY SAKE!

I KEPT GOING ON AND ON ABOUT ONEE-CHAN!

I'M SORRY, KUIN! I'M SORRY!

GETTING HURT... WITHOUT A WORD...

I was made ...

to protect you, Kirio.

Your apology... is...

un-neces-sary...

KUIN LOOKED ALMOST LIKE A CLOWN-

AS HE CRUMBLED

WITHIN THE FIRE

YES. WE MUST KEEP THE BARRIER UP TILL THE END.

MAYUKO-SAN, KEEP YOUR FOCUS. WE TOO-

POOR KIRIO-KUN...

CRAP!

BECAUSE I WILL NOT GIVE IN...

BUT, DEAR, PLEASE WATCH ME, WHEREVER YOU ARE.

IT'S UNLIKELY KIRIO-SAN CAN PROTECT US ON HIS OWN ANY LONGER...

O-OBA-SAAN!

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D-DEAR.

AT YOUR SERVICE.

AOTSUKI SHIGURE OF THE KOUHAMEI SECT.

FROM ALL YOU'VE GONE THROUGH, NO DOUBT...

AH...YOUR HAIR HAS GONE ALL WHITE...

SHI-GURE-SAMA!

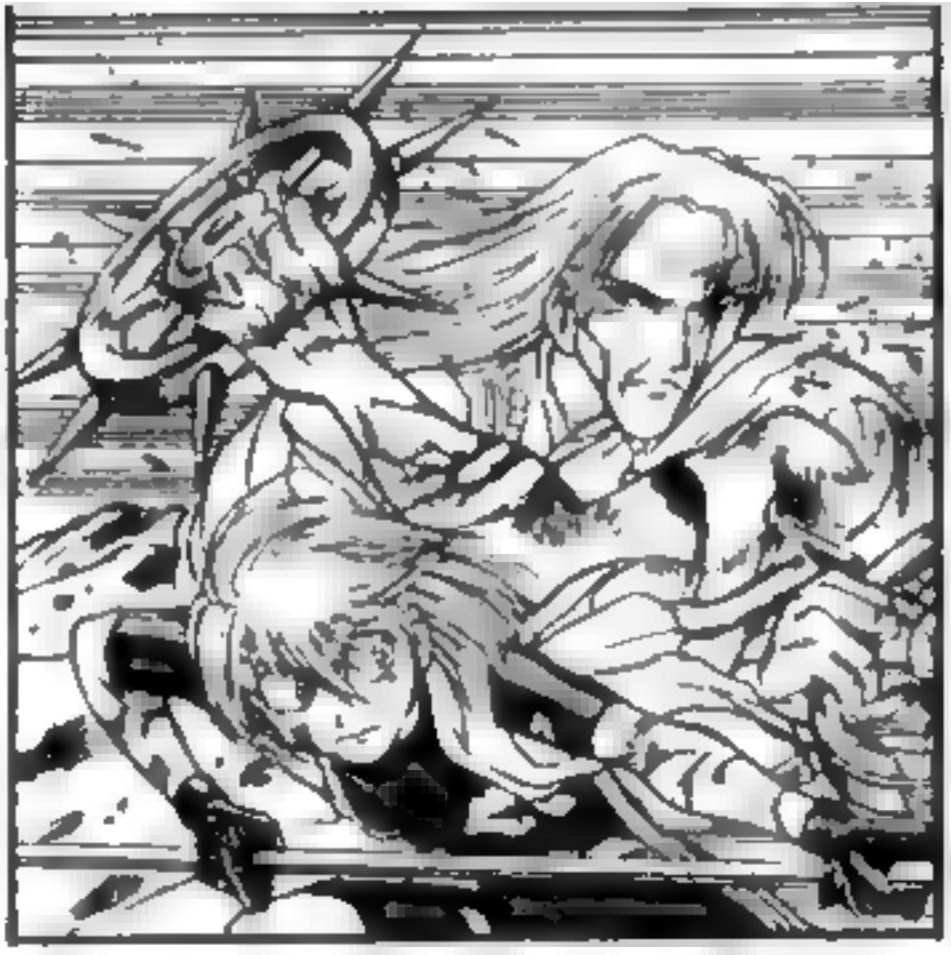
YOU TOO, MAYUKO-CHAN.

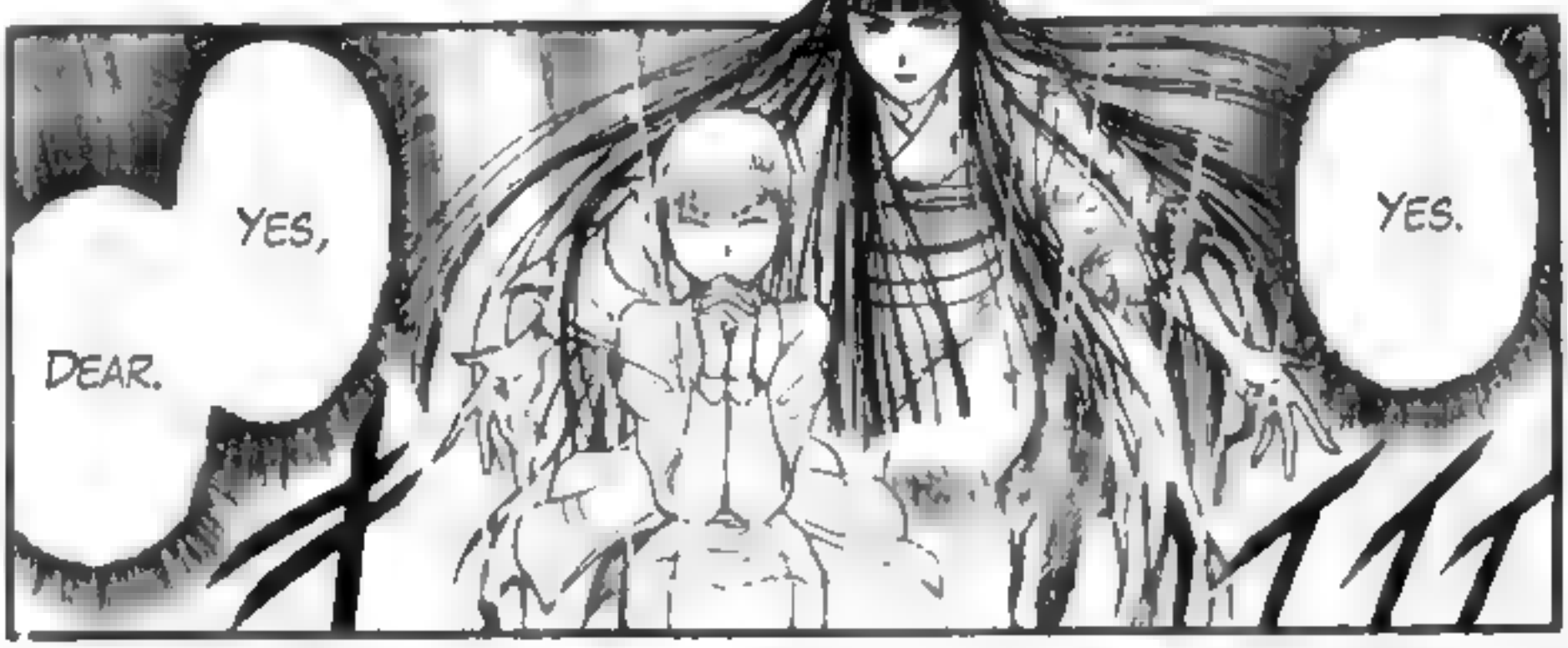
KIRIO, YOU'VE DONE WELL!

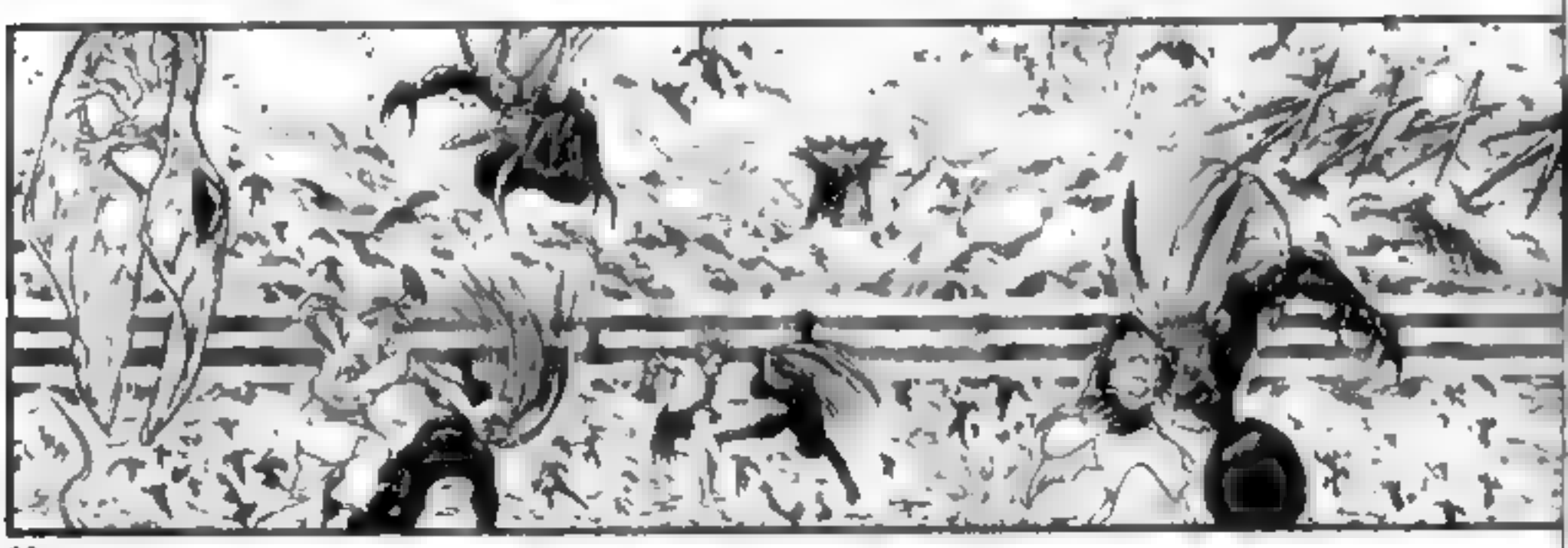
AND GO HOME.

LET'S FINISH THIS UP QUICK.

WELL, SUMAKO...




YES,
DEAR.
YES.



DON'T LET THE KOKUEN CLOSE IN!
PROTECT THE BARRIER WALL!

I'M HAPPY TO HAVE FOUGHT... WITH TORA-SAMA.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, KAGARI?

YES! TOGET-HER FOR-EVER, KAGARI!!

BUT WE'LL BE SEEING HIM SOON.

YES...I TRULY AM TOO.

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EVEN BETTER IF JUUROU-NIISAN WERE WITH US...

AAH...

AH!

JUUROU-
NIISAN!

JUUROU.
JUUROU
SAVED US....

THE POISONED AIR

INSIDE THE BARRIER IS CLEARING...

JEEZ, THOSE INCOMPENT MONKS..

RAISING THAT BIG BARRIER WALL AND NOT EVEN NOTICING THE KOKUEN TARGETING ITS WEAKEST POINT...

IT'S FINALLY DISAP-PEARING...

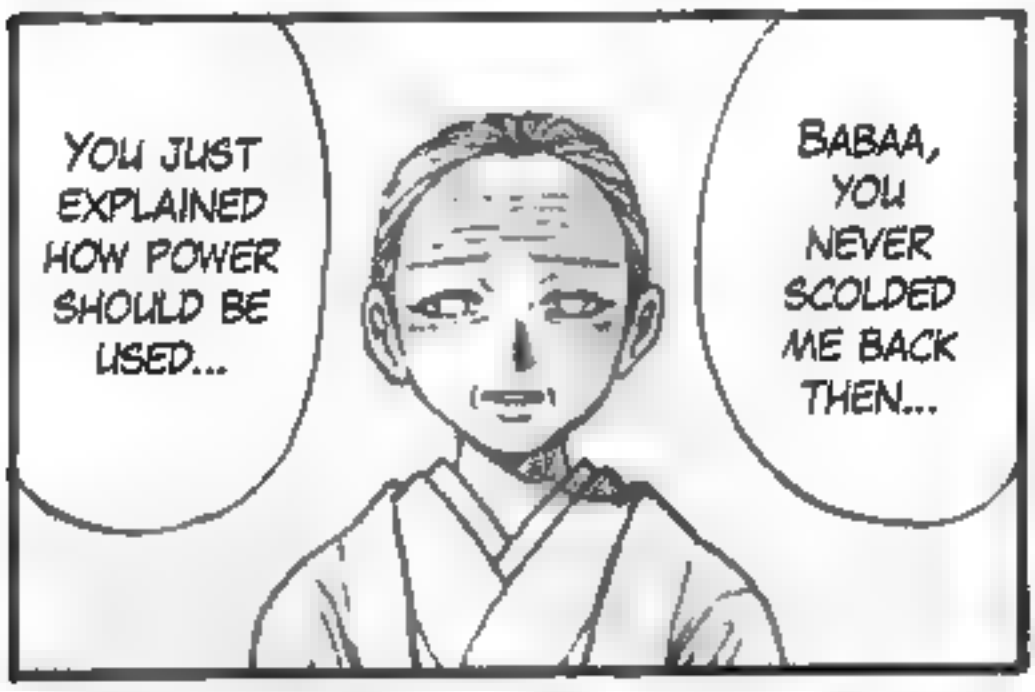
CLEANING UP THOSE IDIOTS' MESSES.

ALWAYS ME..

STOP!!

COME ON, KAZUO! WE CAN PRACTICE OUR HOURIKI WITH A TECHNIQUE COMPETITION!
KYOUJI-NIICHAN, STOP IT!

BUT... THAT'S FINE, RIGHT,
BABAA ?


YOU JUST EXPLAINED HOW POWER SHOULD BE USED...
BABAA, YOU NEVER SCOLDED ME BACK THEN...

KAZUO, YOUR FACE!!
AH! KAZUO!

WELL...THAT'S JUST MY NATURE...

BUT I COULDN'T USE POWER THE WAY YOU TOLD ME TO.
UNTIL THE END...

RIGHT?

BUT...WE HAD OURSELVES A GOOD FIGHT BEFORE, DIDN'T WE...

TORA.

USHIO.

ガラン

IT WAS PRETTY INTEREST-ING...

cough

Hah

Hah

Hah

THEY'VE CORNERED ME!!

NOW...

I WAS SEIZED BY THAT DAMNABLE FEAR

BEFORE, WHEN THAT SPEAR PURSUED ME...

I RECOGNIZE THAT I FEAR THE BEAST SPEAR

TORA, HAKU MEN IS-

WATCH OUT!

WHAT IF I SETTLE MY HATRED!?

HOW ABOUT THIS!?

BUT

I DON'T NEED SUCH EYES!!

THESE EYES! THESE EYES HAVE TOLD YOU EVERY-THING!?

IT-IT GOUGED OUT ITS OWN EYES!!

DOESN'T MATTER ANY-MORE!!

THAT'S ENOUGH! DESTROYING THE HUMANS AND BAKEMONO

I'LL KILL YOU!

YOU TWO! JUST YOU!

I KNOW THE PRESENCE OF THE BEAST SPEAR!

I KNOW! I KNOW!

N-NO IDEA!

HOW DOES IT KNOW WHERE WE ARE?

HOW-

I WILL DESTROY THE BEAST SPEAR AT ALL COSTS!!

AND THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO ME, WEILDER!

THERE!

ALL RIGHT! THE POISONED AIR INSIDE THE BARRIER IS CLEARING !!

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BUT LEAVE IT TO USHIO AND TORA...

THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO...

YOU CAN'T! IF HAKUMEN GETS OUT, WE'LL ALL GO DOWN IN FRIENDLY FIRE!

OSA, I'M GOING TO HELP THEM-

HAKUMEN IS SO FAST!

NO. THERE'S ONE MORE WAY.

CRAAAAP! IS THERE NOTHING ELSE WE CAN DO?

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TORA, WHAT ARE YOU-

!

TORA!

GAH!

KEH! THE PRESENCE OF THE BEAST SPEAR HAS DISAP-PEARED!!

TORA!

KEH KEH. HAKUMEN'S PANICKING.

UOOOOH! WHERE ARE YOU, BEAST SPEAR!?

BUT-

YOU DOPE! DON'T PULL IT OUT!!

AND HE PURSUED ME.

HE HAD THE BEAST SPEAR.

500 YEARS AGO, WHILE I WAS RUNNING AMOCK IN THIS COUNTRY, A SINGLE SAMURAI CHALLENGED ME.

JUST LIKE YOU ARE NOW.

THAT SAMURAI WAS TURNING INTO A BEAST,

MY MEMORIES RETURNED IN AN INSTANT, LIKE A TSUNAMI....

AT THAT TIME, ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T UNDER-STAND IT,

I GOT THE MAN WHO WAS BECOMING A BEAST TO RELEASE THE BEAST SPEAR...

A MOUNTAIN OF HIYOU WERE COMING, INTENT ON DESTROYING THE BEAST SPEAR...

AT THE SAMURAI'S BACK...

AND THEN I FELT IT...

ARE YOU OVER HERE?!

NUUH! I HEAR YOU TALKING!

IN A BODY THAT'S THE SAME AS MINE, WITH A SMELL LIKE MINE...

I SEE!

TO ESCAPE MY SEARCH ...

AND I THOUGHT-

IN A SINGLE STRIKE.

AND I DESTROYED THE HIYOU

YOU...YOU KNEW THAT AND YOU HID THE BEAST SPEAR-

KEH KEH KEH! SERVES YOU RIGHT, HAKUMEN!

YOU HID THE BEAST SPEAR INSIDE YOUR BODY!

I'LL KILL YOU!!

I'LL KILL YOU!

DAMN YOU!!

DAMN YOU!

RIGHT! EVEN AFTER 500 YEARS WITH IT PIERCING ME, IT DIDN'T KILL ME!

BUT YOU'LL DIE!!

YOU'RE STILL INSISTING ON THAT!?

TORA, LET ME TAKE OUT THE SPEAR!

NOW IT'S TIME TO FINISH THIS, USHIO.

ARE YOU GOING TO LET HAKUMEN KILL MORE PEOPLE!?

LOOK! THERE'S NO RED CLOTH ON THE SPEAR! IT'S AT FULL POWER!

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DOESN'T SEEM SO TERRIBLE.

GETTING KILLED BY HAKUMEN ...

BUT HANGING OUT WITH YOU, SOMETHING HAPPENED!

I THOUGHT I DIDN'T GIVE A CRAP ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE! BAKEMONO WERE ENEMIES. HUMANS WERE FOOD!

USHIO, IT'S YOUR FAULT.

DON'T FORGET OUR GOAL!!

MY LIFE... HAS BECOME TOO IMPORTANT TO YOU...

I CAN'T STAND YOU BEING THE ONLY ONE TO SHOW OFF...

I UNDERSTAND... TORA...

LET'S GO!!

I'LL DO IT- FOR EVERY ONE!

BEAST SPEAR!

SHAGAK SHA!

DIE!!

IDIOT! TRYING TO SHIELD ME-

IF I'M GOING TO BECOME YOU.

THIS SHOULD BE NOTHING

YES

BAA BLEEN YS

LIKE IT,

IT'S NOTHING!

YES.

THIS

TORA!

LET'S GO

SHAGAK-SHAAAA !!

YOU HATE ME TO THE LIMITS OF HATE...

I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE IMMORTAL! SUPPOSED TO BE INVINCIBLE!

GIIEEE HHH- IT CAN'T BE!

SOMEHOW, I DON'T HATE YOU ANYMORE.

SORRY...

HATE ME, YOU WHO ARE IMMORTAL, TO YOUR LIMIT... AND I CANNOT BE DESTROYED...

HATE ME!

HAKU-MEN!

TOO BAD,

THAT BEARS NO FRUIT.

HATE IS A SEED

SOMEONE CALL ME BY NAME...

IN A QUIET WORD

DO NOT WAIL IT IN GRIEF AND LAMENTATION!

DO NOT SCREAM IT, IN THE THRALL OF DEATH!

NAME ME! CALL ME A NAME

SOMEONE...

TO BE CALLED...

I WANTED A NAME...

HAKUMEN'S FINAL TAIL...

MY NAME IS NOT HAKUMEN.

HAKUMEN. WANTED TO BE A BABY...

I DON'T KNOW...

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MY TIME'S UP TOO...

LOOKS LIKE...NOW...

...!

BUT...IT WENT TO PIECES PRETTY NICELY

DAMMIT, TORA, YOU CAN'T DIE YET!

YOU HAVEN'T EATEN ME YET, RIGHT!?

YOU CAN'T... BECOME LIKE ME.

I'M... BECOMING A BEAST TOO.

JUST LIKE... YOU...

KUH KUH. DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH. BEASTS DON'T CRY LIKE THAT.

TORA!

YOU'RE SUP-POSED TO EAT ME!

YOU...

I'VE ALREADY...

EATEN ALL OF YOU.

AH ... AA A ...

AAA AAA AH- HHH !!!

I'M...

FULL.

TORA A A A!

I REALLY AM BECOMING A BEAST...

NOW ...

I'LL BECOME TORA...

THAT'S GOOD...

GIRYOU-SAN...

JIE MEI-SAN... WE DID IT...!

SO...

IT'S OKAY. IT WAS NOTHING...

SHANYUE, A THOUSAND YEARS OF THANKS WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT.

THANK GOODNESS, IT'S OVER...

SO LONG LIVING TOGETHER IN THAT COLD BEAST SPEAR, WOULD LIKE YOU TO LET US REST IN YOUR WARM BODY...

SO THE SOULS OF MY BROTHER AND I...

I CAN GO HOME

NOW...

THIS...WITH ALL OUR MIGHT...WE WISH...

SO YOU WILL NOT BECOME A BEAST.

YES...

YOU WILL LET US WALK WITH YOU.

THAT THE LIFE WE HAVE LEFT, THAT WE CANNOT WALK OURSELVES...

YES.

USHIO'S COME BACK...

OH. DEAR... USHIO....

KIRIO-KUN.

TORA. CHAN...

HUMAN, YOU DID WELL!

FARE-WELL ...

PLEASE GIVE OUR GREATEST THANKS TO USHIO

YOU TOO...WELL DONE.

HAKUMEN HAS DESTROYED THE STONE THAT SUPPORTS IT...

THIS COUNTRY HAS BEGUN SINKING..

BUT WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

YOU CAN'T! WE CAN-

WHAT!?

JUST AS YOU SAY, EAST ...

YES ...

HE'D FIGHT US TO KEEP US FROM GOING.

THANK GOODNESS USHIO IS ASLEEP. IF HE WERE AWAKE,

WE WILL TURN TO STONE AND SUPPORT IT

AND BECAUSE WE ARE BAKEMONO ...

WE LOVE THIS COUNTRY.

WE'RE NOT DOING THIS FOR YOUR SAKE

BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE, HUMANS..

WE WILL ALWAYS BE HERE, IN THE FOUNDATIONS OF THIS COUNTRY!!

TAKE CARE OF THEM ALWAYS!

THE LIVING SOIL OF ITS LAND...

THE PLANTS THAT SPEAK...

EVERYONE'S LEAVING...

YOU MUST STAY BEHIND...

YOU WILL LEAD THE BAKEMONO IN THAT WAY...

YOU HAVE LONG HAD CONTACT WITH HUMANS...

IZUNA RAISHIN KAGARI...

WHEN WE RETURN SOMEDAY WE'D BE LONELY TO COME HOME TO NO ONE...

BESIDES...

A COUNTRY WITHOUT BAKEMONO WOULD FALL TO RUIN...

JAPAN HAS STOPPED SINKING.

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! IT'S STABI-LIZED!

THE EARTH-QUAKES HAVE STOPPED!

SO I HAVE TO GO INSIDE...TO CLOSE IT.

THE MEIKAI GATE CAN ONLY BE CLOSED FROM THE INSIDE.

BUT ...

NO ...

YOU CAN'T, SAYA-CHAN!

TOONO

PLEASE ...
NO...

YOUR GRAND-MOTHER AND YOUR MOTHER BOTH...
CARED FOR ME...
SAYA. I HAVE ALREADY LIVED A LONG TIME.
OMAMO-RI-SAMA...
N-NO!! OMAMORI-SAMA, THIS IS MY DECISION.

O-!
OMA-MORI-SAMA AA!
DON'T WORRY...
SWEET SAYA, SOMEONE'S ALREADY COME TO WELCOME ME...

OKAASAN ...

O-

O-OMAMORI-SAMAA!

SAYA... BE WELL...

SAYA-CHAN.

SA...SAYA-CHAN.

BE... STRONG.

IT'S JUST LIKE...YOUR MOTHER SAID...

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME. LET'S PLAY OTE-DAMA.

ALL RIGHT

FROM NOW ON...

WALK YOUR OWN PATH

DID YOU BOTH HEAR IT TOO?

OH..

THE BATTLE ENDED.

APRIL 22 1:08 PM

OH NO, I HAVE TO STOP AT THE HAMBURGER SHOP ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL LIKE I DID LAST YEAR!

HEY, MAYUKO, YOU SHOULDN'T BE LATE TO YOUR GRADUATION CEREMONY!

UWAH! IT'S 8 O'CLOCK.

MARCH, THE FOLLOWING YEAR

WELL, LET'S GO, KIRIOKUN.

I STILL START CRYING...

EVERYTIME I HEAR "HAMBURGER"

ONEECHAN ...

UH FUH FUH...NO WAY... I...

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I'LL EAT EVERYTHING YOU BUY!

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I WON'T GIVE YOU ANY!

AND EVEN IF YOU SAY YOU WANT ONE...

I'LL EAT EVERY HAMBURGER YOU EVER GET! UNTIL MY STOMACH PUFFS OUT LIKE A BALLOON!

KIRIO-KUN...

I'LL EAT THEM FOREVER!

OK

I'M NOT LEAVING ANYTHING, EVEN IF IT KILLS ME!!

USHIO, YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE FOR YOUR GRADUATION AND YOU'RE JUST SITTING THERE EATING BREAKFAST LIKE IT'S NOTHING!

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YOU'VE GOT SOME-THING ON YOUR MOUTH.

WAIT, USHIO.

GOCHI-SOUSAN! BYE!

ALL RIGHT, DEAR.

UM... SUMAKO... UH...SAN... HOW ABOUT SOME TEA?

ITTE RASSHAI.

ガーん

SO SHY SO SHY! HI KEH KEH KEH!

TORA?

RIGHT,

IT WAS FUN..

BUT ...

THIS IS THE END OF THE LOOOONG STORY OF USHIO AND TORA.

WELL NOW ...

FUH FUH FUH.

IT'S ALL RIGHT. LISTEN CLOSELY.

IT'S SAD THE YOUKAI HAVE LEFT THIS COUNTRY...

IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

WHAT? IT'S SAD, YOU SAY?

ARE SUCH THINGS.

YOUKAI

THERE ARE THINGS OF THE EARTH THAT COME BACK TO THIS WORLD.

NEVER-THELESS ...

HUMANS ARE BORN OF THE EARTH AND RETURN TO IT... WHEN THEY RETURN TO IT, THEY CANNOT RETURN TO THIS WORLD...

ONE DAY ...

AND SO ....

AND SO, BY SOME CHANCE...

LET'S GO, TORA!

SHUT UP, USHIO!

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